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Vehicle runs over, kills woman

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REPORTER

» Woman found at fault for lying down on the street at night

A woman who had gotten down on the road along Garapan Street Thursday night was killed after a vehicle ran over her, police said.

The victim, reportedly a 34-year-old woman from Ponhpei, was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center by Dr. Martin Rohringer at 11:59pm.

The driver of the car, a Filipino national, stopped his car and called the police.

Acting police spokesman Lt. Jason Tarkong told *Saipan*

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Torres-Palacios ticket affirmed

Torres

Palacios

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres confirmed yesterday at his home in As Teo his intent to run anew, this time with Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) as his running mate in the 2018 general election.

Both candidates acknowledged the late governor

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'Hitler also stole vehicle in June'

» Father-and-son cops arrest suspect in Gualo Rai

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Hitler

The 20-year-old man who allegedly stole a Toyota 4 Runner from a store on Capital Hill last Thursday afternoon also stole a vehicle from a Capital Hill home in June.

According to a police report, an officer arrested Hitler Sem Weilbacher last June 21 at Hopwood Middle School in Chalan Piao, where a stolen Toyota Highlander was recovered and later returned to the owner.

In last Thursday's case, it was Police Sgt. Arnold Seman

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Arrivals up at 17 pct. in October

Visitor arrivals to the Marianas jumped 17 percent in October 2017 compared to October 2016, continuing the destination's double-digit monthly increase trend.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority's numbers, arrivals to the islands totaled 48,950 in October 2017, compared to 41,910 visitors received in October 2016.

This is the fourth highest arrivals for October in Marianas history, the record being

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Staff from Saipan Mayor's Office and the Department of Corrections and some inmates start installing the giant Christmas tree at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last Thursday.
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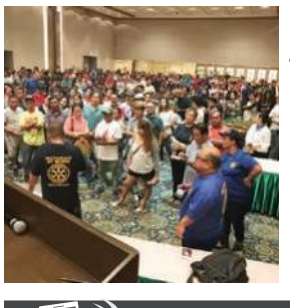

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More than 60 complete financial crime workshop

Law enforcement and regulatory agencies came together last week for a financial crime workshop that equips the CNMI with techniques and advice on how to tackle and prevent financial crimes.

The workshop, held from Nov. 13 to Nov. 17, drew 32 from the Commonwealth Casino Commission, 17 from CNMI Customs, eight from Revenue and Taxation Enforcement, and three each from Revenue and Taxation and Department of Public Safety.

According to of CNMI Customs director Jose C. Mafnas, the Financial Crime Investigative Workshop was a way to equip the CNMI for financial crimes.

"[This training] would prepare us or enhance whatever tools that we have now, especially in money laundering and any other financial criminal activities we should encounter at the airport or the casino itself," he said.

CCC executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said that he as well as commissioners Justin Manglona, Martin San Nicolas, Alvaro Santos, and chair Juan Sablan were included in the workshop.

Joe Reyes was unable to attend as he was off-island,

Workshop instructors included officers from the Oceania Customs Organization. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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Where are Visitors Staying?

Let's find out more about our visitors, based on the Marianas Visitors Authority's latest visitor exit survey covering April through June 2017. Here's what visitors shared with us before their departure from The Marianas:

Lodging

When asked about lodging, most visitors indicated staying at a hotel (87%). Eight percent stayed at either a guest house (4%) or bed and breakfast inn (2%), and another 2% indicated staying a private residence. Four percent of those survey indicated they did not know or refused to answer. As the MVA's annual budget is derived almost entirely from hotel occupancy tax, the proper licensing and taxation of guest houses and bed and breakfast inns will ensure that none of its' budget is lost.

Tour Guide Satisfaction

About half (46%) of visitors had a tour guide while in The Marianas. Of those, 28% were China, 11% were Korea, and 8% were Japanese. Of those who hired a tour guide, most claimed to be satisfied with their experience (91%). While both Chinese and Japanese visitors were satisfied with their tour guides (96% and 91%, respectively), Korean visitors were less likely to be satisfied (79%).

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OAG obtains warrant for McDonnell's extradition

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The Office of the Attorney General has been able to obtain from the governor of Illinois a copy of a warrant for the extradition of Sean P. McDonnell, a 39-year-old man who faces charges of sexual assault of a child in Illinois and was arrested last month on Saipan.

At an extradition hearing last Friday, Chief Prosecutor Michele Harris and assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberscheid asked for a continuation of the extradition hearing as the CNMI government has been trying to get the Illinois governor Bruce Vincent Rauner to sign the warrant for McDonnell.

The prosecution informed Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho that the OAG already has an e-copy of the warrant. The OAG is hoping to get the original copy by today, Monday.

Camacho granted the government request for a continuance and set the new extradition hearing today, Monday, at 1:30pm.

Camacho

Assistant public defender Nancy Dominski, counsel for McDonnell, said they will oppose if no original copy is provided at today's hearing.

Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja used to handle the case, but he transferred the matter to Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan and later to Camacho.

Camacho heard the case Friday at 3:30pm after he returned from Tinian, where he also presided over hearings that day.

The deadline for the 45-day extradition hearing in McDonnell's case is Nov. 24.

At a hearing last Oct. 10, Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed a $1-million cash bail on McDonnell, citing the seriousness of the charges, the danger McDonnell poses to children in the CNMI, and his status as a flight risk.

The original extradition hearing was set for Nov. 13.

McDonnell is wanted in the county of Rock Island in Illinois, on multiple charges of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child.

A joint effort between the U.S. Marshals and the Department of Public Safety led to McDonnell's arrest in Susupe last Oct. 6.

An Illinois judge issued an arrest warrant against McDonnell last Sept. 27 on charges of three counts of criminal sexual assault and four counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child. The Illinois judge imposed a $250,000 cash bail.

With the arrest, the OAG then filed a count of fugitive from justice.

The Moline Police Department said McDonnell went missing under mysterious circumstances and that he was last seen driving his truck last Sept. 11.

Authorities reportedly traced McDonnell to Saipan because of bank transactions.

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TICKET

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Eloy S. Inos, whose passing in late 2015 catapulted Torres to the highest CNMI position at a young age of 35.

"As we look forward to our future, I want to share my deep appreciation to my mentor, the late governor Eloy S. Inos. The past few years I have done what I can to uphold his legacy and I know that he is proud of all the progress we have made together," said Torres, who also acknowledged the role of current Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog.

Hocog previously said he intends to run for a Senate seat representing Rota.

"I know for a fact that his [Hocog's] heart is with the people of Rota, the whole community, and our Commonwealth," said Torres. "…I know he is going to do a phenomenal job, as he has done being our lieutenant governor."

Torres said that a lot has been done in the CNMI, but there still has "a lot ahead of us."

"We are doing a lot better than we did…we have done so much in our community, our economy, we created more jobs. We have a lot ahead of us, a lot of work to do," he said. "We have done great things together."

Tores also made a passing reference to his administration's ongoing negotiations with the U.S. military.

"It has been really hard to fight against [the U.S. Department of Defense] in making sure that Tinian is protected and gets what it deserves, but it was easy in a way that we were doing the right thing and fighting for our people," he said.

Palacios said he is humbled after the Republican Party in the CNMI chose him to be their candidate for lieutenant governor.

"I am humbled by the trust and confidence that the committee has given me and I am also honored that the governor has [chosen me]," he said, adding that he and Torres have previously "talked" about being his running mate. Hocog chaired Torres' selection committee.

"I didn't assume anything; he was always courteous [and] respectful about it," he said.

"Five years ago, late governor Inos charted a course with the 18th Legislature for the economic recovery of the economy that was in a…downward tailspin for 15 years. Today, we have realized that vision that [Inos] charted for the people of the Commonwealth," he said, adding that there is nothing more 'honorable' than to ensure that Inos' vision is attained 'for the betterment of our community,"' said Torres.

"Today, our retirees are receiving 100 percent of their benefits, our land compensation [amount] continues to [go down], public education received the necessary funding to provide the opportunity for our children, and more people have been employed in the last three years. That is economic recovery at its best," added Palacios.

Torres first became the governor in late 2015.

"It is our mission, all of our mission—from the legislative branch with House Speaker Rafael Demapan (R-Saipan) and the House members and the members of the Senate—to ensure that we sustain this economic growth, sustain the opportunities of our people and uplift their lives," he added.

Rep. Angel A. Demapan, left, looks on as Senate President Arnold I. Palacios, middle, and Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announce their candidacy for lieutenant governor and governor, respectively.

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ARRIVALS

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59,564 in fiscal year 1997.

"October marks a strong first month of growth in the fiscal year, a trend that we expect to continue throughout the year," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion. "Overall, we are projecting an estimated 700,000 visitors this fiscal year, based on anticipated flight service and hotel room capacity."

Concepcion also commended the Division of Revenue & Taxation, the Zoning Office, and the Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services for recent enforcement of the hotel occupancy tax.

"One of the areas of focus for the industry in the year ahead will be ensuring the proper licensing and taxation of all AirBnB rentals, guest houses, and other hotel rooms," he said. "The MVA's budget is derived from hotel occupancy tax, so we need this enforcement in order to meet our projected budget, carry out our programs, and help keep the tourism economy strong."

Arrivals from Korea increased 20 percent in October with 24,411 visitors. Korea is projected to be the top-performing market for the second year in a row, buoyed by strong air service. One full service carrier and three low cost carriers or LCCs—Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air, and T'way Air—currently provide Incheon-Saipan flight services.

Also, Jeju Air will operate daily Busan-Saipan flight services beginning on Dec. 15, 2017, and T'way Air, which operates five weekly flights to Saipan, plans to increase to daily ICN-SPN services beginning on Dec. 7, 2017.

As the result, a total of 49,140 seats per annum will be added by these two LCCs to the Marianas.

Arrivals from China grew 15 percent compared to October 2016 to 17,671 visitors. Airport advertisements in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou and advertisements on the QYER app continue to attract more tourists after the National Day holiday period.

In addition, road shows held by Century Tours and the MVA in Shenyang and Datong attracted many travel agencies to promote the tourism products of the Marianas.

Arrivals from Japan were 6 percent lower than October 2016 at 3,411 visitors. Delta Air Lines has announced plans to use larger aircraft on its daily flight from Tokyo-Narita beginning Nov. 5 through March 2018, adding 24 additional daily seats. Discussions with other airlines for additional service from unserved cities have brought some issues to light, including limited slot availability for regularly scheduled flights, wariness by travel agents to assume complete financial liability for charter flights, Japanese dissatisfaction with the destination, and more.

The Marianas also received 603 visitors via two military ship arrivals in October.

Economic highlights

South Korea's economy is expected to grow at 2.8 percent this year, according to the Korea Economic Research Institute, which has lowered its estimate from an earlier forecast of 2.9 percent. The average U.S. dollar/won exchange rate in October was 1,135.39 won, a slight increase from the previous rate of 1,128.61 won in September.

The Chinese economy continues growth. The yuan/dollar exchange rate remains stable and inflation remains very low at around 1.5 percent, meaning favorable conditions for travel to the Marianas. Additionally, with the seasonal slowing of outbound in November, prices are dropping for FIT and tour packages to island destinations short term.

Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe managed to uphold his two-thirds supermajority in the Oct. 22 snap election. Abe's strong mandate paves the way for him to revise the country's pacifist constitution, and he is on track to become the longest-serving prime minister in Japan's history. On the economic side, Abe will continue with the implementation of his set of policies aimed at boosting Japan's inflation and long-term growth, dubbed Abenomics. Monthly average exchange rate for the U.S. dollar to Japanese yen in October 2017 was 112.89, compared to 110.65 in September 2017. ***(PR)***

HITLER

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Sr. and his son, Police Officer 1 Arnold Seman Jr., who spotted and arrested Weilbacher in Gualo Rai, according to the report prepared by Department of Public Safety highway patrol investigator Norris Kwon.

Weilbacher was taken before Superior Court Associate Judge Wesley Bogdan on Friday for his initial court appearance.

A $15,000 cash bail was imposed. Weilbacher was charged with theft of vehicle and assault and battery.

Chief Public Defender Douglas Hartig was appointed as counsel for Weilbacher. Assistant attorney general Jonathan Wilberscheid appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 27 at 1:30pm.

According to Kwon's report, two Chinese nationals called 911 on Thursday at 12:57pm and reported that their Toyota 4 Runner had been stolen from the Zhan Yu Market on Capital Hill.

Two responding police sergeants reviewed the surveillance footage at the store and learned that the victims entered the store at 12:31pm.

The suspect arrived at the parking lot at 12:34pm, walked around the vehicle, then drove it off after three minutes.

Police identified the suspect as Weilbacher and a lookout bulletin about the stolen vehicle was issued on the police's radio.

Sgt. Seman Sr. located the stolen 4 Runner at 1:18pm while traveling south on Chalan Pale Arnold Road by the traffic signal light intersection in Gualo Rai.

Sgt. Seman Sr. activated his emergency lights and siren, but the suspect continued traveling south and only stopped along the shoulder lane in front of U Luck Poker across Shell Highway Express Lube and Tire.

After being secured and guided into a police cruiser, Weilbacher allegedly kicked responding officer Seman Jr. in the abdomen.

Kwon said that in his interview that day, Weilbacher admitted to stealing the 4 Runner as well as a Toyota Highlander last June.

Weilbacher also allegedly admitted kicking Seman Jr. in the abdomen and threatened he would kick the officer's face and steal his vehicle when he gets out of prison.

In the June 21 theft case, Kwon said that a woman called 911 at 11:32am that day and reported that her employer's silver Toyota Highlander had been stolen from her home on Capital Hill.

A responding police sergeant identified Weilbacher as the suspect.

Later that afternoon, another police officer received information from a teacher that Weilbacher and the stolen vehicle were at Hopwood.

Police arrested the suspect and recovered the stolen Highlander.

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Tribune yesterday that investigators found the woman to be at fault.

Tarkong said that police responded to an auto pedestrian accident on Thursday at 9:11pm, along Garapan Street by Mom's Round Two Bar. Upon arrival, police found the victim lying on the ground with serious injuries after being run over by a car.

Tarkong said the investigation showed that the victim, who was under the influence of alcohol, walked into the street and got down as if she were going to sleep.

As her friend was trying to wake her up and pull her off the road, a black 2000 Honda CRV drove over her. The driver stopped his car and called the police. Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services ambulance brought the victim to CHC.

Last June 24, a 19-year-old woman was killed in a car crash near the Northern Marianas College on As Terlaje Hill. Police determined she was driving fast.

Last March 11, a 52-year-old man died when a car he was driving hit a dump truck that had stopped to turn left to a construction project on the shoulder of Monsignor Guerrero Road near the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Waterloo in Chalan Kiya. Rescuers found that the victim was not wearing a seatbelt.

Last December, two persons died and three others were injured during a vehicular accident on Chalan Pale Arnold Road in As Mahetog. Police said that speed and alcohol were factors in that crash.

The Department of Public Safety stated that there had been 1,730 vehicular crashes in the CNMI in 2016 and 62 of them were alcohol-related, resulting in a traffic fatality. The As Mahetog incident was not included in that.

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Snake program obtains two new 'sniffer' dogs

The Division of Fish and Wildlife and the CNMI Brown Tree Snake program recently welcomed two new detector canines from Oklahoma.

After a brief meeting with Animal Health and Quarantine, the dogs began their 120-day quarantine at the Division of Fish and Wildlife kennels in Lower Base.

The dogs, called Greta and Zing'r, took 60 hours to travel from Aachen Dutch Shepherds in Oklahoma to Saipan via Micronesia Air Cargo Services, with an overnight stop in both Hawaii and Guam.

"I believe they were just as excited to see us as we were to see them," said acting Lands and Natural Resources secretary Augustin Kaipat.

Kaipat related that acquiring the dogs was a detailed process that required many hours from the DLNR staff within the BTS Program, as well as Division of Fish and Wildlife and partners.

"I extend a well-deserved thank you to everyone who assisted in the procurement of our two new canines here at the BTS program as well as funding provided by the Office of Insular Affairs," he said.

He said that trainers and handlers will work closely with two dogs to assure their preparedness to join the brown tree snake team as the first line of defense against brown tree snakes in the Commonwealth.

"They've been settling in nicely and have shown inquisitive personalities and high drive, making them perfect for the team. We really thank Mr. Donmoyer in ensuring detector canine care and training," said Kaipat.

Kevin Donmoyer is the BTS program coordinator.

The two dogs join two others with the BTS program: One working on Saipan and one on Rota.

The use of a detector canine is one of the best resources because of their acute sense of smell.

"The addition of these two dogs will allow the Tinian canine to be returned as soon as they complete their training. We need to continue to safeguard our islands from brown tree snakes and are taking these increased preventative measures. The BTS team is driven and motivated to ensure the Commonwealth stays snake-free," Kaipat said.

Josh Lizama of the CNMI Brown Tree Snake program takes out a new canine for a walk around the office's premises.

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Donmoyer added that to keep the BTS program completely functional, it is imperative that the dogs are kept healthy and happy, so daily care and cleaning is strictly enforced.

"All standard canine care activities occur including daily cleaning, food, water, and exercise. In terms of captive brown tree snake care to keep the scent of brown tree snakes fresh in the detector canine's minds, captive brown tree snakes are housed at the BTS Program's facility and are routinely used as a training tool. These snakes are also used in outreach events to better engage the public what a brown tree snake looks like," Donmoyer said.

He noted that each captive snake is male and has been sterilized as well as implanted with a radio transmitter. In the event that the snake escapes, it cannot reproduce and can be tracked and located.

For more information on the brown tree snake program, call the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 664-6014. ***(PR)***

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Businessman gets 8-year sentence for 'ice' possession

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REPORTER

A man who was convicted by a federal jury of possessing at least 5 grams of methamphetamine or "ice" was sentenced Friday to eight years and one month in prison.

Yang Zou, a Chinese national, was given credit for 338 days of time served. Upon his release, he will be placed on supervised release for four years. That includes reporting to an immigration official for deportation proceedings.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona also required Zou to participate in a substance abuse treatment program, perform 100 hours of community service, and pay a $100 special assessment fee.

Manglona

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe had recommended a sentence of 97 months or eight years and one month—at the high end of the sentencing guideline range

Colin Thompson, a private counsel for Zou, recommended a prison sentence of 78 month—six years and six months.

After the hearing, Zou was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

On April 15, 2016, federal jurors found Zou guilty of one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute at least 5 grams of methamphetamine. The offense carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment.

Saipan Tribune learned that Zou has a taxi and tour businesses on Saipan.

At the trial, the prosecution called a total of seven witnesses to the stand, including Yang Kang Chen, a Chinese national who already pleaded guilty to the charge of distribution of a controlled substance.

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Students who complete AP Seminar and AP Research with scores of 3 or higher, and receive scores of 3 or higher on four AP Exams in subjects of their choosing, will receive the AP Capstone Diploma.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on the two AP Capstone exams but do not take or earn qualifying scores on four additional AP Exams will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate. This is a distinction that is appreciated by university admissions officers and the candidacy is listed on the Common Application now.

Saipan International School's Class of 2020 will be the first AP Capstone candidates in the CNMI.

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SIS will start AP Seminar in the fall 2018.

The AP Seminar course, planned for 11th grade, will equip students with the power to explore academic and real-world issues from multiple perspectives. Through a variety of materials — from articles and research studies to foundational and philosophical texts — students will be challenged to explore complex questions; understand and evaluate opposing viewpoints; interpret and synthesize information; and develop, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments. Teachers have the flexibility of choosing themes based on student interests, whether they are local, regional, national, or global in nature.

Samples of themes that can be covered in the AP Seminar course include education, innovation, sustainability, and technology.

By tapping into students' personal interests, AP Capstone gives a broader array of students an entry point into challenging course work. Students are assessed through both an individual project and a team project completed during the year and a year-end written exam.

The subsequent AP Research course will allow students to design, plan, and conduct a yearlong investigation on a topic of their choosing with support from experts at the university level or in the community.

Students will build on the skills learned in the AP Seminar course by using research methodology; employing ethical research practices; and accessing, analyzing, and synthesizing information to present an argument.

At the end of the course students have the confidence to present and orally defend their own scholarly academic research.

"We are proud to offer AP Capstone, which enables students and teachers to focus on topics of their choice in great depth," said Trevor Packer, senior vice president for AP and Instruction at the College Board. "This provides terrific opportunities for students to develop the ability to write and present their work effectively, individually, and in groups—the very skills college professors want their students to possess."

By responding to and partnering with the higher education community, the College Board developed AP Capstone to allow students to practice the important skills that colleges want. The program will prepare more students for the rigors of college and for success in future careers.

"AP Capstone is a unique program that teaches skills we think are very valuable not only for college but life," said John Barnhill, assistant vice president for enrollment management, Florida State University. "The ability to analyze, to critically think, to present information is really wonderful, and I think both courses do a great job of preparing the student for the rest of their lives." ***(PR)***

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Kilili is a step ahead on sex harassment training

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) had already required everyone in the Marianas congressional office to take anti-sexual harassment training, when Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) sent word Tuesday that the training would now be mandatory for all members and staff of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ryan's announcement came on the same day that Rep. Jackie Speier (D-California) testified at a hearing of the House Committee on Administration that two sitting members, a Republican and a Democrat, have engaged in sexual harassment and that the House has paid out some $15 million to victims.

"Even though our employee handbook that governs the conduct of the Marianas office explicitly prohibits any form of sexual harassment and sets out the actions to take by anyone who has been harassed, it was my belief that more active measures were needed," Sablan said. "So I required that all of the congressional staff take the training the chief administrative officer of the House makes available online and provide my chief of staff with their certification of completion.

"I completed the course, too," Sablan added. "We all have to heighten our awareness of how sexual harassment can occur and make sure that everyone feels safe in their work environment."

The Marianas congressional office's employee handbook, which is provided to every staff when they join the office, sets out what to do in the event of harassment.

"It is the intention of the office to stop harassment before it rises to the level of a violation of law," the handbook reads. "Any employee who believes that he/she has been subjected to or has witnessed actions that violate this policy should promptly make a report to the office management in order for management to immediately investigate and take corrective action where appropriate."

In her testimony, Speier also revealed that, while working in a congressional office in the 1970s, she herself had been sexually assaulted by the office chief of staff.

"Sexual harassment—or harassment based on race or age or disability—can creep into the workplace," Sablan said. "It does not have to be overt, as the actions Rep. Speier experienced as a staff person.

"Even if we think we are just kidding around, our words or actions can intimidate or demean the people we work with. And that behavior cannot be tolerated.

"That is why I required everyone—including myself—to take the training. We have to be vigilant of how we conduct ourselves and aware of the effect of our words and actions on those we work with."

Sablan is a cosponsor of the Congressional Sexual Harassment Training Act, led by Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-Michigan). This bill requires each congressional office to inform employees of the rights the Act provides them against sexual harassment.

Throughout his career Sablan has focused on issues of violence against women, increasing funding for the Marianas Domestic Violence Coalition in 2010 and in 2013 for the Sexual Assault Services Program in the Northern Marianas. ***(PR)***

Torres signs HLB 20-33 into law

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed House Local Bill 20-33, D2, which appropriates up to $116,469 of the earned bond interest income collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations.

The funds will be used for the expansion of the morgue at the Tinian Health Center under the expenditure authority of the mayor of Tinian in consultation with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. ***(PR)***

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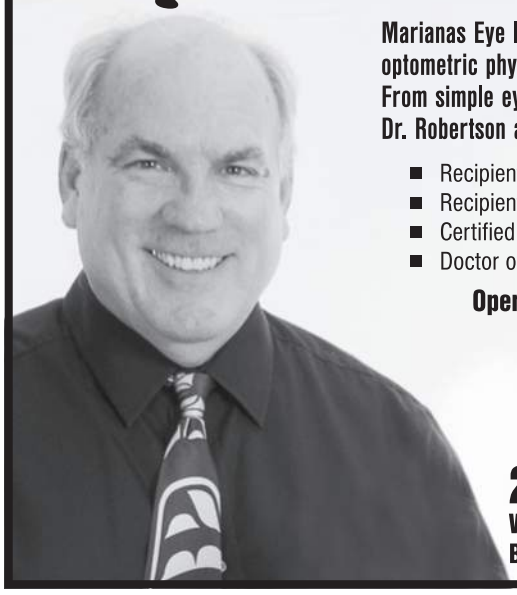
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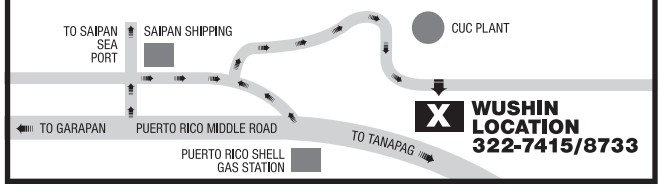

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Entries sought for Saipan fan fiction contest

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library invites public and private middle schools and high schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to participate in the 2nd Annual Saipan Dreams Fan Fiction Contest.

The grand prize is $100, while the first runner-up will get $75 and the second runner-up will get $50. The first 10 official entries will receive a $10 gift certificate to Regal Cinema on Saipan, courtesy of Frances Kilili Arriola.

Gift certificates will be issued on Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library during the final judging ceremony.

There are two phases of the contest. In the first phase, the official start was Nov. 1, 2017 and will close on Friday, Dec. 1, at 6pm. Competition is open to ages 13 to 18 years old. Each public and private school is asked to participate and submit an entry into the competition. All entries must be submitted to saipandreamsfanfiction@gmail.com

Participants are invited to submit original works of fan fiction of any form. Submission must be between 1,000 to 2,500 words.

Submissions must be typewritten using Times New Roman font (or other easily readable font) in size 12 or larger. The participant's name, grade level, school affiliation, and contact numbers should appear on the top right corner of the page.

Entries will be initially reviewed and scored by a panel of judges who will examine form and content with a particular focus on most detailed, best written overall, most imaginative, best plot line, and most interesting.

The Top 5 CNMI entries will then recite their work during the second phase at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library VTC room at 4pm on Dec. 7, 2017. If a participant from Tinian or Rota is in the Top 5, participant will be asked to recite his/her work at the Tinian Public Library and Rota participant in the Antonio C. Atalig Memorial Public Library at 4pm on Dec. 7, 2017.

During the second phase, the Top 5 participants will be scored by a second panel of judges. All participants will receive certificates of participation.

The grand prize winner will have his/her name and school name inscribed on a perpetual trophy that will be housed at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library until next year's competition. He/she will receive $100, plus the opportunity to work with author Katrina Manning to create a character in her fifth book. The winner's work will have a chance to be promoted during Manning's 2018 U.S. book signings and will appear in an interview on the *Humanities Half-Hour*.

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DOD, GovGuam reach out for collection of plants, timber

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Registration fee before November 30, 2017 is $40.00 per person and registration fee after November 30, 2017 is $50.00 per person. For government agencies and non-profit partners, the registration fee is $25.00 per person. The fee will cover the 2-day training/seminar and refreshments. Due to limited seating, please contact Doraine Camacho or Jacob Muna at 234-6866/9447/7670 for reservations.

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Men in power, keep your hands, and other parts, to yourself

Senate Leader Mitch McConnell is right—Roy Moore should quit the race for the U.S. Senate.

Moore is the Alabama candidate who has been credibly accused by several women of sexual misconduct. So far, five women have said that when they were young teenagers, and Moore was a full-grown adult in his 30s, he pursued them aggressively, sometimes violently, and unsolicited. Monday, Beverly Young Nelson accused Moore of sexually assaulting her when she was 16, the most damning allegation against him so far.

Moore remains unbowed. He denies the allegations, blaming political enemies and, it goes without saying, the media. Fellow Republicans—who have tolerated and excused all manner of bad behavior as long as the miscreants were on their side of the aisle—are apoplectic this time, and looking for an out.

As with the allegations tumbling out of the film industry, where powerful men who sexually harass or assault young women is an open secret, sooooo many people say that they knew Moore, once a district attorney, then a controversial chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, had a taste for underage girls. There were rumors, but little challenge.

Moore has not been charged with anything, much less been found guilty. But he refuses to responsibly address what seems a well-known pattern of conduct. He has no place in the U.S. Capitol (more on that later). It has yet to be confirmed that in the 1980s, Moore was banned from a local mall because he repeatedly tried to pick up teenage girls. Still, police officers, local attorneys, and mall employees from that time seemed aware that he was persona non grata.

Moore has ardent defenders—people of faith, people seeking political advantage, people who consider a girl of 14 a consenting adult. It is no wonder that girls of that age are shamed and intimidated into silence.

Fake news, sadly, is giving Moore cover. As reported—and debunked—by Politifact, one website features the provocative headline: "Second Roy Moore Accuser works for Michelle Obama right now." This is "pants on fire" nonsense.

And while McConnell is standing up for Moore's accusers—"I believe the women, yes"—he can't ignore what's happening in his own back yard. According to two former legislative staffers writing in the Washington Post, "Capitol Hill has a problem." Men—lawmakers—behaving badly toward the women who work for them is a bipartisan curse, they say.

"Capitol Hill is still a man's world. Female staff, and even female members, often shrug off inappropriate behavior to avoid being labeled troublemakers," write Kristin Nicholson and Travis Moore. Also, "Staffers who do decide to pursue a complaint face an opaque and burdensome process." one, they say, that discourages coming forward.

Congresswomen recently backed up claims of sexual harassment in comments before the House Administration Committee's hearing to review the chamber's sexual-misconduct

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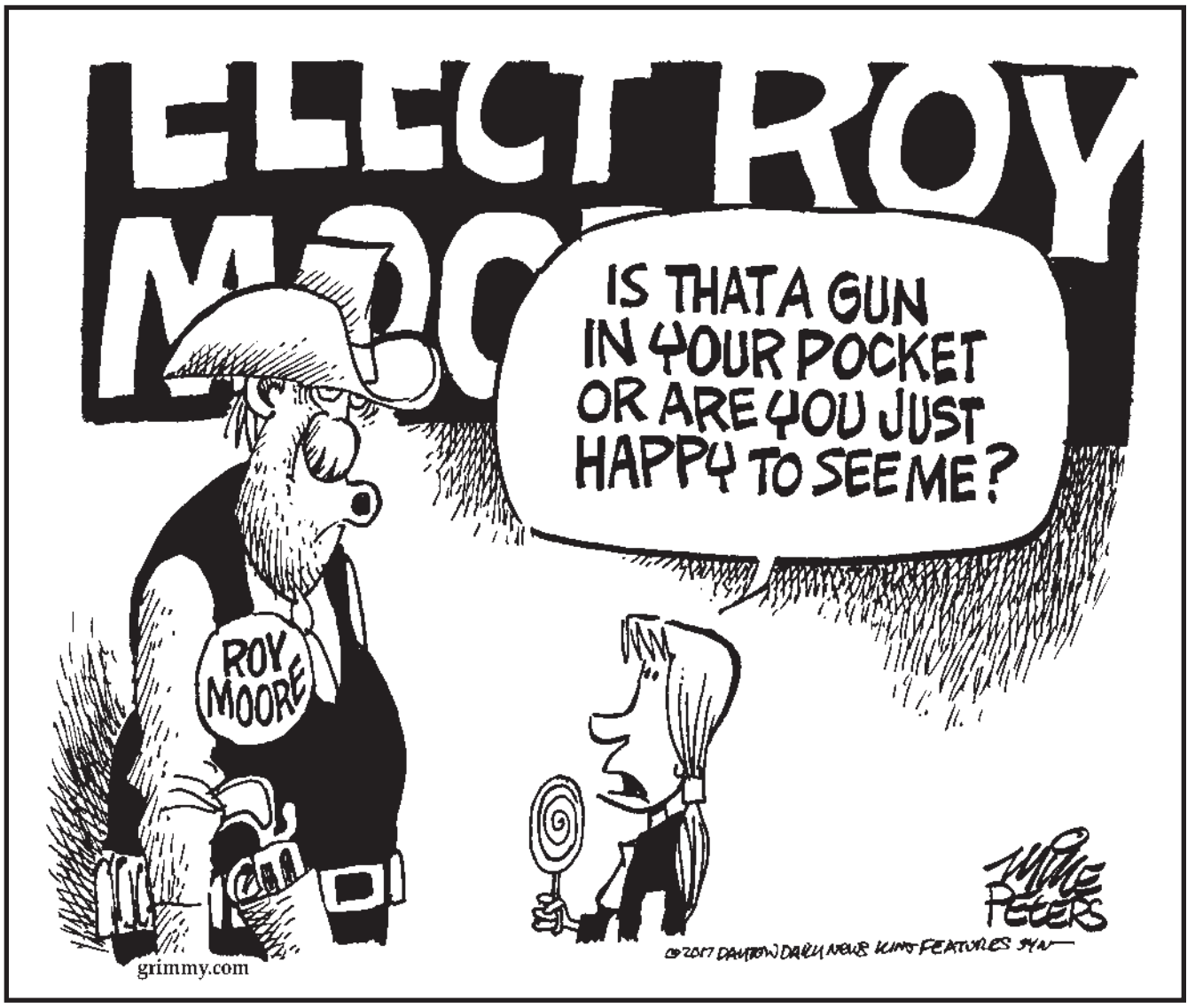
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If Sen. Al Franken steps down, he shouldn't be alone

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On the same day that outraged critics were called for Sen. Al Franken to resign, Alabama's Republican Party offered its unqualified support to Senate candidate Roy Moore.

What's wrong with this picture?

Franken came under fire Thursday over allegations that he kissed and groped Leeann Tweeden, a Los Angeles radio anchor, without her consent in a 2006 USO tour in the Middle East, two years before the former "Saturday Night Live" cast member took public office.

Now, after years of practiced seriousness to dispel concerns about his comic past, his image has been undone in many minds by a photo. It is a shot of his grinning at the camera like a goofy doofus while reaching out in a pantomime grab for the breasts of a sleeping Tweeden. Tweeden says she didn't see the photo until after she returned home and felt understandably angry and humiliated. She also accused Franken of forcibly tongue-kissing her backstage, also without her consent.

Once you see the photo, as the saying goes, you can't un-see it. It may be the most politically damning photo since Gary Hart, Democratic front-runner in the 1988 presidential race, was photographed with campaign aide Donna Rice sitting on his lap on a boat dock _ and Hart was wearing a shirt bearing the boat's name, "Monkey Business." He dropped out of that race.

"You knew exactly what you were doing," Tweeden writes in an online essay. "You forcibly kissed me without my consent, grabbed my breasts while I was sleeping and had someone take a photo of you doing it, knowing I would see it later, and be ashamed."

Franken responded with two statements of apology to Tweeden and agreed with calls from both parties' leaders to turn his fate over to the notoriously toothless Senate Ethics Committee.

Moore, by contrast, continued to deny accusations that he stalked and "dated" high school girls, which allegedly included improper sexual contact with a 14-year-old, while he was a prosecutor in his 30s _ and revelations that he had been banned from a shopping mall in his hometown, Gadsden.

Yet he was endorsed by Alabama's Republican leaders, despite warnings from national GOP leaders that he could lose to Democratic candidate Doug Jones in the deeply conservative state _ or be expelled from Congress if he wins. Ironically, Moore has cultivated a loyal base among the conservative state's evangelicals, which he now rallies by playing the conspiracy card. He claims to be the victim of anti-conservative conspirators in Washington, despite numerous calls from both parties for him to step aside.

His defiance may be reckless, but it also is his right. It also is the right of Alabama's voters to decide if this is the sort of man they want to send to Washington as their senator.

Personally, I would like to see Franken step down so his example would increase pressure on Moore and others to treat sexual harassment as a serious offense, whether it is criminal or not.

Among those others is President Donald Trump, who unfortunately responded to Franken's infantile stunt in a typically infantile Trumpian tweet: "The Al Frankenstien (sic) picture is really bad, speaks a thousand words."

And he continued the tweet with even more crudeness: "Where do his hands go in pictures 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 while she sleeps?" Yuk, yuk.

Trump makes no mention the sexual harassment accusations that happen to have been made against him by multiple women.

Nor does he mention the accusations against his own Grand Old Party's albatross, Roy Moore.

With that in mind, one might think there hasn't been much progress since I called on President Bill Clinton to resign after the Monica Lewinsky scandal broke. He ignored such calls and, thanks to overreaching by impeachment-hungry Republicans, completed his second term with higher approval ratings for himself and his party than Congress had.

But times have changed. Franken is only one of the latest political and show business stars to be caught up in charges of sexual harassment. The Harvey Weinstein scandal and online "#MeToo" campaigns have heightened awareness and sensitivities since the bad old days when Anita Hill had to defend her credibility in Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' confirmation hearings.

When Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said he believes the women regarding allegations against Moore, it marked how far we have come as a society. The sarcasm of Trump's tweets show how far we have to go.

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Trump gets invite to Indian Thanksgiving

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Recently I emailed the White House, inviting President Donald Trump to a traditional Native American Thanksgiving feast.

Of course, I have not heard back, which is a shame. Besides a turkey that my people harvest each spring, glazed with maple syrup, I am also preparing wild rice stuffing, cranberry sauce and a blueberry pie. I am hoping to have a heart to heart talk with the president regarding his engagement with Indian Country this past year.

Should the president take a seat at our table, I would like to ask him about his decision to clear the way for an oil pipeline that threatens the water and ceremonial grounds of the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. According to treaties signed between tribal nations and the U.S. government, the voice of tribes must be heard by Washington on issues that directly affect their people's welfare. In this case, they haven't been.

Should the president take a seat at our table, I would like to ask him if he understands what sovereignty means to tribes. I remember years ago, when he was asked this question at a press conference, then-President George W. Bush stumbled and erroneously stated sovereignty is "given" to tribes. Self rule is not given to tribes. Sovereignty is inherent with tribes, as it is with all nations.

Should the president take a seat at our table, I would like to ask him why funding for the Indian Health Service, which according to Indian treaties is a responsibility of the federal government, continues to be slashed at a time when suicide, diabetes, alcohol and drug addiction continue to plague tribal communities.

And I would like to ask the president, should I get the chance, why he continues to stoop to derogatory name calling. After proclaiming November as Native American Heritage Month (as all presidents since 1990 have done), Trump referred to Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who claims Native American blood, as "Pocahontas."

Finally, I would like to tell the president that, despite his nose-thumbing at tribal sovereignty and treaties, there is gratitude growing throughout Indian Country. Tribal communities are doing more than surviving, we are thriving. Tribes are creating sustainable economies that respect and give back to the Earth. We are creating culture-based healthcare approaches to disease and addiction that are proving to be life-changing. And in Head Start programs all across Indian Country, our languages, values and traditions are being taught to the next generation.

At some point during his term in office, Trump may try to dismantle tribal sovereignty. He may call for deeper financial cuts in Indian healthcare, education and job-training programs. But that's okay, because we Indians know one thing the president will never succeed in doing: Trump can never sign an executive order calling for the deportation of American Indians.

LITERARY NOOK

Let's talk turkey

By JOEY PEPE BATBON CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

A WILD TURKEY QUARTET

The Turkey Asks, Please
The turkey asks, please first give me another chance
give me a chance to eat, give me a chance to gobble
like you plan to do, and find some low bush cranberries
and some dropped apples on the ground, the power you
have is fine, give me the chance to eat before you dine.

Tom Turkey Pardon Me
The way that turkey flew and gob gobbled as it ran
gave me a different view and changed my hunting plan
it gave unto my head a serious change of mood
so instead of cold and dead I will not shoot the dude.

Moist and Tender
Moist and tender stays the turkey breast
tom turkeys wait for carving and to be dressed
the soup not greasy gravy with fresh giblets
turkey stuffing made with oysters and niblets.

Turkey's Noodle
Turkey wishbone wild almost gone
as Thanksgiving must next day at dawn
a soup of peas a loaf of seeded rye
tomorrows soup turkey noodle
hot corn bread and apple streusel
fresh whipped cream and cold pumpkin pie.

From Great Pie to Grilled Octopi
My mouth waters when I can smell an apple rhubarb pie
so it was when I a child so is it now when I am wider
so be it when my eyes can not tell a spider from a fly
or octopus from squid and what it tastes like inside there.

Fina'denne' or Tabasco Sauce
pika fina'denne' or Tabasco sauce
get some mannok take your pick
some red rice and make it quick
so many depend upon a hot pepper sauce
splashed without restraint on some fried chicken

A Thanksgiving Breath Before Death
(my senior citizen spin on Shakespeare's sonnet 73)

I behold my time of death in some eternal cold
limbs lame, knees shot, fingers gnarled and froze
most of my songs sung, teenage tales all told
requiem for my frame cawed by a murder of crows
on sea cliffs I welcome the coming of night
watch the moon slowly rise in the east
and darkness as the moon slips out of sight
no worries about eternal night in the least
what is left of my tropical life is glowing coals
a low *tangantangan fire of burning embers
now it is heaven or hell and roasting souls
Thanksgiving has life way beyond Novembers
gone for good now age saps life and strength
my love for all that lives will stay the length

tangantangan is "a large bush that proliferates on many of the high islands in Micronesia. Good for cattle feed and fuel." —Chamorro-English Dictionary

8 things to know about sexual harassment

By GINA BARRECA
The Hartford Courant

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No. 1 Looking back, it feels like sexual harassment. As I remember it, many desks in the schools I attended had a picture of a penis drawn or carved into them. Maybe it was smudged because somebody tried to clean it off or paint it over, but it was there. It had been there for generations. There were penises etched into school cafeteria tables and trays, drawn in chalk on brick buildings, spray painted onto walls. They appeared on the inside and outside of all forms of public transportation. I always assumed they were drawn by boys and men.

In contrast, girls don't spend a lot of time drawing vaginas on anything. Perhaps it's simply tough to draw a reasonable one during a brief elevator ride or before lunchroom workers catch you with a Sharpie, but I think there's more to it. Girls and women don't want to plaster representations of our genitalia on all available surfaces. Yet some boys and men seem to feel a need to display themselves. This should not be encouraged outside of art classes, consensual relationships or designated beaches.

No. 2 Sexual harassment, abuse and assault have nothing to do with attraction or affection; they have to do with power, the need to dominate and the need to degrade. Harassment expresses unbridled contempt, not desire. People don't get harassed because they're cute; people get harassed because they are in the same place as the perpetrator.

No. 3 When I am invited to give talks by organizations or companies on the subject of appropriate and inappropriate humor in the workplace, there's often a banner announcing "Dr. Gina Barreca: Sexual Harassment Workshop." Usually some of the audience members clearly believe I'm there to help them do it better. I sum up my talk by asking the audience to remember that "Harass is one word." I can see that some are puzzled.

No. 4 Here's why it's called sexual objectification: Making a human being so insubstantial and unimportant that you can grab him or her and then throw him or her away after you've satisfied yourself—as if there are no consequences for your actions—makes that person into a thing. The person is stripped of any individual identity. The idea that the object might have its own conflicting desires, wishes or inclinations is unthinkable. It's merely something to which things are done; what it wants is meaningless. It's disposable, like a Kleenex.

No. 5 We need to clarify to the young and vulnerable that being sexually intimate with those in power does not mean power will rub off. Being close to somebody who radiates fame will not give you fame. A manipulator in a position of power who uses his apparent weakness as lure to gain sympathy is the proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing. Under that false wooly familiarity, you'll find sharp teeth and lingering drool.

No. 6 It would be comforting to tell ourselves that this is just a mutant moment in modern history. But is it? Perhaps there has always been a split between comedy that relies on sexual vulgarity and comedy that treats its audience with more respect. "We can see (a) difference in old and new comedies," commented one critic. "For the writers of old comedy it was indecent language that was ridiculous, while those writing new comedy prefer innuendo." The critic was Aristotle, who lived from 384 B.C. to 322 B.C.

No. 7 Even though sexual harassment, like other forms of aggression, is nothing new, that doesn't make it OK. Certainly women in Hollywood have had to deal with it since the first movie shot was framed. There's a story that when brilliant comic actress Judy Holliday was being chased around the casting couch by a director, she decided she had enough and yelled, "STOP. JUST STOP." Holliday then took her falsies out of her brassiere, handed them to the director and said, "I believe it's these you're after."

No. 8 Stop. Just stop.

MEN

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policy. The gory details are too familiar: Sitting congressmen who grope young women, who expose their genitals to them—Why? Why?—and ask unwanted intrusive personal questions.

They want the House and Senate to adopt mandatory, in-person sexual-harassment prevention training for all members and staffers, and clarity on what are grounds for punishment or dismissal. If Moore is elected, and he shouldn't be, the imperative to address this scourge will become even more urgent.

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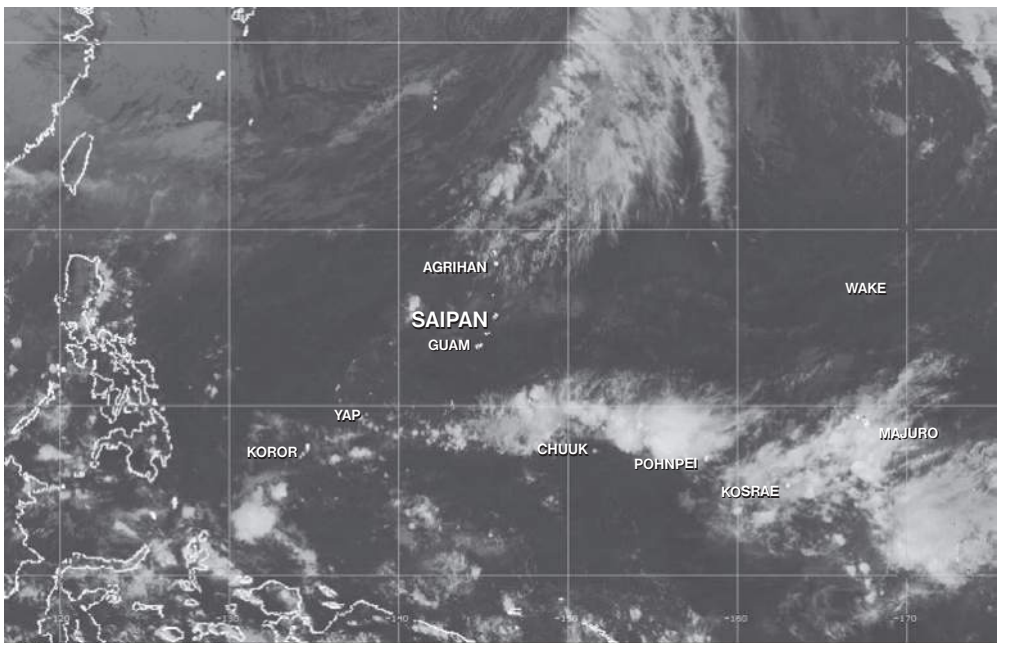
The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. east winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:45 AM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Once again, not much change. The dry season pattern continues for most of the upcoming week. The NAVGEM now hints at some showers/thunderstorms around Wednesday, while the GFS has backed off a little, so for the time being will leave the forecast as is. East to northeast swell will peak into tonight with 9 foot surf on east facing reefs. A gradual decrease is then expected beginning tomorrow. Seas will generally be in the 4 to 6 or 5 to 7 foot range during most of the week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°
Yap	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	70° / 57°
Beijing	Sunny	54° / 27°
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	82° / 63°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	82° / 68°
London	Mostly Cloudy	52° / 46°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	69° / 56°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	82° / 61°
Miami	Rain	77° / 72°
New York	Sunny	49° / 37°
Osaka	Sunny	55° / 43°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	52° / 43°
Busan	Sunny	55° / 46°
Rome	Sunny	59° / 41°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	59° / 42°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	59° / 52°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	54° / 41°
Tokyo	Sunny	55° / 43°
Washington, DC	Sunny	49° / 34°

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:40 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.19
9:27 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.85
3:07 PM	LOW TIDE	1.09
7:55 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.80

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Tuesday	6:21 AM	5:43 PM
Wednesday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Thursday	6:22 AM	5:43 PM
Friday	6:23 AM	5:43 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	7:31 am	7:11 pm	-
Tuesday	8:20 am	7:57 pm	-
Wednesday	9:08 am	8:45 pm	-
Thursday	9:56 am	9:33 pm	-
Friday	10:41 am	10:23 pm	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW308	2:00am	6:05am	2, 3, 4
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4

SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)

XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 3, 4, 6 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7

NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN

XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express, XP XTRA Airways; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Restarting village activities to fight diabetes

By BEA CABRERA
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REPORTER

Diabetes Prevention & Control Program coordinator Amber Lynn Mendiola, third from left, Rep. Alice Igitol, and Non-Communicable Disease Division of Public Health Jessie de los Reyes are surrounded by Igitol's grandchildren at the #WeWalkCNMI event at Tanapag Middle School last Thursday.
BEA CABRERA

November is National Diabetes Month. In line with this, whether you have the disease or not, getting everyone to start being physically active in the community is the main goal of the Diabetes Prevention & Control Program of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Citing the 2016 Non-Communicable Diseases and Risk Factor Hybrid Survey Report, program coordinator Amber Lynn Mendiola said that 33 percent of CNMI adults reportedly do not do any physical activity or exercise.

"In honor of Diabetes Month on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, we started this mini-walking campaign called #WeWalkCNMI. This is to show families that they can walk together and do something as simple as that and this gave us the idea to restart village activities," she said.

"We came up with walking sites in villages that are marked and safe, away from cars because we wanted to showcase spaces that are safe to walk, where they can just do it on their own. The lack of physical activity has been linked to chronic diseases like diabetes," Mendiola added.

#WeWalkCNMI started last Nov. 14 at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort pathway and last Thursday at the Tanapag Middle School. It continues on Nov. 21 at the Garapan Public Market and at Coral Ocean Point, Nov. 28 at the Dandan Baseball Field. The last event will be on Nov. 30 at Oleai and Kilili pavilions.

The Tanapag Middle School leg last Thursday was joined by Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan). She said a lot of families are diabetic "so we would like to encourage them to walk and do physical activities because these will help them have a longer life."

"Although I am not diabetic, I want to participate in this event and brought my grandchildren to be part of it. I hope the community can see that they can be a part of this too," she added.

Studies show that 90 percent of people with diabetes have Type II diabetes, the type of diabetes responsible for killing many people in the CNMI.

CHC physician Dr. Beth Kohen said that diabetes, also called diabetes mellitus or sugar diabetes, is very common in the CNMI and is a major contributor to longterm illness, disability, and death. To understand diabetes, one needs to understand what a hormone is.

"A hormone is a substance made in one place of the body that acts somewhere else. It is a chemical command from a gland to a distant body part, usually transported by the blood stream. It is like a key made in the machine shop but opens a door at the other end of a building."

"For a hormone to be effective, it needs to be in the right place, at the right time, in the right amount, and in the right pattern—it needs to be the right key in the right door turned in the correct direction in a lock that is lubricated and able to move," she added.

Kohen said that insulin, the hormone involved in diabetes, is made in the pancreas and circulates through the blood to affect the movement of glucose in and out of the cells all over the body. Cells are the building blocks of all of our organs and tissue and cells need glucose as fuel and insulin is the key that opens the cell to let the food in.

"Diabetes is caused by an unreliable, absent, or broken insulin key or a sticky and unresponsive cell lock mechanism. If the insulin key is missing, damaged, does not work at the right time or if the final lock into the cell is broken, cells do not eat. That is a big problem. That is diabetes."

Kohen said that treatment for type II diabetes is more variable but getting physically active is No. 1 on the list to prevent and manage diabetes.

"Exercise opens the locks even without a key and lets the glucose in to strengthen cells. Losing weight lubricates the locks so the insulin key can turn. Eating a proper low-glucose diet can limit the amount of glucose inn the bod. …Medication can help your natural keys to be more effective or your locks to be more receptive," she added.

Mendiola expects the event to start small group but is positive that it will attract more people.

"We knew that the beginning is going to be small but it's okay if we at least get a couple of families together and one person to be aware of diabetes and how important exercise is. We want to keep it going so that more and more people can be a part of it."

"We plan to have more events in the future aside from having walks. We definitely plan to follow through and keep showing these example sites so people can utilize them on their own because we want to inform people more about diabetes and exercise," Mendiola added.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Scheduled water service interruption today

There will be a water service interruption in Koblerville and portions of San Antonio and Afetnas today, Nov. 20, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of services at 6pm tonight.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be upgrading the KV 21-25 well lines to a new 6-inch upgraded transmission main line.

As a result to the new connection, a more effective and efficient water operation will be provided to the community.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. ***(PR)***

CUC hours on Thanksgiving

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s office hours on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 is as follows:

Thursday: Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Friday: Customer Service Center is open 8am to 12pm for payments and purchase of pre-paid meter tokens (load) only. All Other Offices will be closed

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017. For emergencies, contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC). ***(CUC)***

Administrative leave for Friday

Heading into the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is authorizing non-critical Commonwealth employees to go an administrative leave on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017. "With all the work we have done together to and so much progress still ahead of us, we really have much to be grateful for this past year. I thank you all for your hard work and service to improve these islands we call home. Let us continue to practice gratitude and work toward building a better Commonwealth," he said in a statement. ***(PR)***

Transfer station, landfill closed for Thanksgiving

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, both

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

ABRAHAM U. IGISAIAR and THERESITA I. SOMORANG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about July 3, 2000, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 12, 2000 under Document No. 00-1534 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 608, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 800 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 12 DATED DECEMBER 1, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4180, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Ninety-Two Thousand Seventy-Seven and 44/100 ($92,077.44).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

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the Lower Base transfer station and the Marpi landfill waste disposal facilities will be closed all day. ***(PR)***

Holiday closures at AMP

American Memorial Park officials would like to inform the public that the Visitor Center will be closed in observance of the following federal holidays:

- Nov. 23, 2017: Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 25, 2017: Christmas Day
- Jan. 1, 2018: New Year's Day

On these days, the rest of the park will remain open. Park staff would like to encourage the public to explore the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays, the visitor center is open every day from 9am to 5pm.

For more information contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 x 2020 or via email at brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. ***(PR)***

Church 360 activities for Thanksgiving

Church 360 will be holding several activities to celebrate Thanksgiving. All events are open to the community. This Sunday, Nov. 19, will be a Thanksgiving Service at 10:15am, with a potluck to follow. The church is providing the turkey and ham. On Thanksgiving Day, Church 360 will hold a Praise Service at 6pm. There will be a game time to follow for any one who would like to stay. Both of these events will be held at Church 360 on the fourth floor of the Marianas Business Plaza.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, Church 360 will host a six-vs-six volleyball tournament at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Beach Courts starting at 2pm. Teams can be formed ahead of time or at the court. Participants and spectators are asked to bring a chair. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

For more information email flybjrew@yahoo.com or call 256-8171. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on record keeping for farmers

The CNMI Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency will be offering a free business seminar called "The Benefits of Record Keeping for Farmers with USDA Farm Service Agency" at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute on Dec. 4, 2017, from 5pm to 6:30pm. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbden.ecenterdirect.comievents. ***(PR)***

Free seminar on microloan with USDA-FSA

The CNMI Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency will be offering a free business seminar called "The ABC's of Applying for a Microloan with USDA Farm Service Agency" at the Northern Marianas Technical Institute on Dec. 5, 2017, from 8am to 9:30pm. To register, contact the CNMI SBDC office at 664-3018 or visit http://pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.comievents. ***(PR)***

VA benefits counselor to visit Saipan in Dec.

A U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Administration benefits counselor will be at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic on Dec. 15, 2017, from 9:30am to 3:30pm. The benefits counselor will be available to answer benefits questions, and assist with the claim process. The Saipan VA Outreach Clinic is located at the MH II Bldg. Suite 206, Marina Heights Business Park in Garapan. To request an appointment, contact Ruth Coleman at 322-0035. ***(PR)***

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BRENDALYNN C. APATANG AND MARVIN C. MUNA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 8, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 21, 2002 under Document No. 02-2421 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 347 R 95, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 847 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 347 R 07, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4282, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993. THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Fifty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen and 52/100 ($59,513.52).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

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JESSE JAMES CEPEDA CRUZ through an assumption by JESSE JAMES J.R. ECLAVEA AND JACQUELINE M. ECLAVEA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 21, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 24, 1998 under Document No. 98-2660 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 107 T 139, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 879 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 107 T 03 DATED JANUARY 14, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-491, DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven and 17/100 ($71,647.17).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

DelaCruz wins Rotary grand prize

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall was packed with community members last Saturday during the 2017 Las Vegas Night fundraiser.

By KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA
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REPORTER

As expected, the Rotary Club of Saipan's 2017 Las Vegas Night fundraiser at the Royal Taga Hall drew hundreds to the Saipan World Resort, hoping to take home the grand raffle prize—a choice between a brand-new 2018 Mazda 3 car or $10,000 cash.

That victory eventually went to Sophia DelaCruz, who herself was not present at the venue.

In an online interview, DelaCruz said she is still in disbelief. "I did not expect to win anything. Aside from excitement, it's a nice and happy feeling," she said.

Since 2014, DelaCruz has bought one booklet a year to support the Rotary Club's community outreach projects.

The other winners were Deru Tudela, who took home $500; Wu Yan Ming, who took home $1,000; Vincent Lizama, who took home $2,000; and PBI, who took home $3,000.

The 2017 Las Vegas Night completely sold out its tickets. A total of 10,000 tickets were printed. By Saturday night, all tickets were sold, raising a gross of approximately $50,000 in tickets alone.

According to Saipan Rotary Club president-elect Greg Borja, the event brought out a good flow of people, compa-

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RAMON SANTOS DELA CRUZ and REBECCA CAMACHO BABAUTA-DELA CRUZ (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 25, 2006 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 29, 2006 under Document No. 06-2139 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 001 G 74, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 729 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 001 G 03, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS RECORDED 20 MAR 86 AS DOCUMENT NO. 86-0510 AT COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S SAIPAN.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven and 84/100 ($54,657.84).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

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JASON C. FEJERAN AND JOSEPHINE A. FEJERAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about January 11, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 24, 2001 under Document No. 01-144 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 128 D 31 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PART OF LOT 018 D 34), AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 658 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 128 D 00 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS RECORDED 07 DEC 99 AS DOCUMENT NO. 99-2896 AT COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S. SAIPAN.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Ninety-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Six and 22/100 ($96,796.22).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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KENNETH N. CAMACHO and TINA MARIE S. ATTAO (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 28, 1994 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 5, 1994 under Document No. 94-1799 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 G 408, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 929 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/ CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 002 G 09 DATED MAY 31, 1989, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 90-1906, DATED MAY 14, 1990 THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Ten and 64/100 ($96,510.64).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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DONNA CONSUELO SAN NICOLAS (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 4, 2006, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 22, 2006 under Document No. 06-2059 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 008 T 239, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 744 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON DLS CHECK NO. 008 T 03, DATED MARCH 31, 1999, RECORDED AT THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE AS FILE NO. 99-847 ON MARCH 31, 1999, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Twelve and 62/100 ($116,612.62).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

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rable to the size of the crowd last year.

With the addition of the game of baccarat, Borja said they were able to get tourists to participate.

Another improvements this year was that all the food and beverages sold at the event were moved outside the venue to accommodate more people.

With the new setup, it allowed the crowd to transition more smoothly and it was less congested compared to last year.

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KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Rotaract and Interact members pose for a photo during the 2017 Las Vegas Night fundraiser last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Poker was one of the games featured at the 2017 Las Vegas Night fundraiser last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

LAWRENCE S. MESGON (collectively "Trustor"), on or about January 16, 2001 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 24, 2001 under Document No. 01-148 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 347 R 164, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 872 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 347 R 08 DATED DECEMBER 09, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4283, DATED DECEMBER 09, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THERIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Five and 40/100 ($89,705.40).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

LEON S. PINAULA AND IRENE S. PINAULA through an assumption by JULIA S. PINAULA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about March 29, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on March 30, 1984 under Document No. 84-486 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 005 I 514, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 743 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty and 76/100 ($134,140.76).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
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The Las Vegas Night fundraiser offered many gambling favorites like blackjack, Texas hold em' poker, and bingo.

By 8pm, gaming tables were completely packed and the Taga Hall was almost completely full. The bingo area was also completely occupied as early as 7:30pm.

By 11pm, the Taga Hall was overflowing with people and many were required to await the final drawing outside the venue.

According to one new participant, Joe Guzman, he wasn't expecting such a big crowd. He said that this was his first year to attend. He said he wanted to test his luck while also donating to a good cause. "I didn't win anything but at least my money didn't completely go to waste," he said.

The Rotary Club will use the proceeds to fund its various community projects. A portion of the funds will also support victims of the Las Vegas shooting.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Bingo was one of the games offered at the 2017 Las Vegas Night fundraiser last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall.

KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

The bingo section at the 2017 Las Vegas Night fundraiser last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall was jampacked.

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EDWARD W. OLAITIMAN AND MARIANA O. OLAITIMAN through THE ESTATES OF EDWARD W. OLAITIMAN AND MARIANA O. OLAITMAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 5, 1998 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 6, 1998 under Document No. 98-3680 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 010 K 382, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 965 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 010 K 01 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 87-2913, DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Sixty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty and 22/100 ($66,460.22).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

STEVE EDWARD MANGLONA MENDIOLA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 29, 2004 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 5, 2005 under Document No. 05-023 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 330 R 149, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 859 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 330 R 03, DATED MARCH 13, 1992, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 92-859, DATED MARCH 16, 1992, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Eighty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine and 69/100 ($88,329.69)**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

MARGARITA M. MANGLONA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 3, 2005, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 15, 2005 under Document No. 05-2060 and was Amended and filed on January 25, 2006 as Document No. 06-178 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 330 R 293, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 815 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 330 R 08 DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1996 COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 97-746, DATED APRIL 02, 1997, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Forty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Six and 21/100 ($42,456.21)**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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FRANCISCO L. WILLIAM (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 27, 1998 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on September 8, 2004 under Document No. 04-2078 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 026 K 35, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 814 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 026 K 03, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1992, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 92-3822, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1992, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Eighty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Eight and 90/100 ($86,688.90).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

Kantan Isla returns after 13 years

The revival of the *Kantan Isla* music festival may not have generated a large crowd, but it was still a success despite the small numbers.

According to Commonwealth Council of Culture and Arts executive director Parker Yobei, the event last Friday night is still considered a success because the point was to revive the long lost music festival.

"I'm happy we actually brought it back. We were trying to revive the program. …Even though we had few people, I'm still happy we're doing it," said Yobei.

He hopes that word of the newly revived festival will get out and a bigger crowd would participate in following years.

Parker plans to prepare earlier and more intensely so that the participation of artists from Rota, Tinian, and Guam are sponsored.

"This is only the beginning but, for the long run, I want to fundraise and solicit from partner agencies to invite artists from Rota and Tinian as well as Guam so we can all come together and share our music and promote local songwriting,"

Kantan Isla showcased eight artists and bands: Big J, Tom Basa, Ray Peter, Marv Guerrero, Maggie Naputi, the Sunset Cruisers, The Northern Stars, and Hopwood's HDMP.

One of the guest performers, J.J. Concepcion, said it was his first experience performing at the *Kantan Isla*.

"This is actually my first time, I'm honored to be a part of this [revival] because I heard about this a long time ago and I just wanted to be here," he said.

The HDMP student band also performed. These students are not of Northern Marianas descent and they did not sing in the indigenous language, but they appreciate the cause.

According to HDMP's Mary Joyce Espinosa, their performance in the *Kantan Isla* made them feel like they belong even though they didn't speak the language. "It's a place for everyone to come together," she said.

HDMP's Frann Billy said she is excited to join again next year because the experience was exciting.

Yobei said the council will be evaluating this year's *Kantan Isla* and will be making improvements for more performers to join, and to entice more community members to witness the performances. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

House looks at raising casino fine ceiling 16 times

The House of Representatives is going to look at increasing the maximum fine the Commonwealth Casino Commission could impose on the casino licensee after a bill that raised the ceiling was adopted.

The present ceiling of $50,000 is the maximum penalty the CCC could impose on Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC per violation.

The House Gaming Committee adapted Rep. Edwin K. Propst's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 20-50 last Tuesday. The bill seeks to raise the maximum penalty ceiling of $50,000 to $5 million. The committee lowered this to $800,000. The bill now goes to the House floor for a vote.

According to House Gaming Committee chair Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), the penalty ceiling would be the largest amount that could be imposed on a casino in the U.S.

"It is three times higher than any U.S. jurisdiction," he said, adding that $5 million exceeds even Australia, Macau, and Singapore.

Deleon Guerrero said the $800,000 ceiling would "act as a deterrent."

H.B. 20-50's fines could be imposed on players, licensees, vendors, and even employees, said Deleon Guerrero.

CCC would be collecting the fines and enforcing the regulations. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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HERMAN Q. ALDAN AND GINA T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about May 14, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 14, 1998 under Document No. 98-1492 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 192, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 800 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 04 DECEMBER 1, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4412, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993. THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

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Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Eighty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty and 19/100 ($83,380.19).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 20th day of October, 2017.

/S/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

PEDRO REYES DELA CRUZ AND LEONORA ESTIPONA DELA CRUZ (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 6, 1990, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 9, 1990 under Document No. 90-1386 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 021 T 15, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 930 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AND SHOWN ON CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 021 T 02, FILED AT THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE AS FILE NO. 84-1597, ON AUGUST 15, 1984, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on November 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Four and 03/100 ($61,644.03).** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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World

2nd round of Mugabe exit talks as party poised to oust him

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Clinging to his now virtually powerless post, longtime Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe on Sunday was set to discuss his expected exit with the army commander who put him under house arrest, while the ruling party prepared to recall the world's oldest head of state as its leader.

A day after huge crowds rallied peacefully in the capital, Harare, for the 93-year-old Mugabe to go, the ruling party's Central Committee was expected to meet Sunday on demands by provincial branches to recall him. It also was expected to reinstate the vice president whose firing nearly two weeks ago led the military to step in, and recall the unpopular first lady as head of the women's league.

That former vice president, Emmerson Mnangagwa, is expected to lead a new government. Without the military's intervention, first lady Grace Mugabe likely would have replaced him as vice president and been in a position to succeed her husband.

Impeaching the president is another step when Parliament resumes Tuesday, and lawmakers will "definitely" put the process in motion, the main opposition's parliamentary chief whip told The Associated Press.

Innocent Gonese with the MDC-T party said they had been in discussions with the ruling ZANU-PF party to act jointly.

"If Mugabe is not gone by Tuesday, then as sure as the sun rises from the east, impeachment process will kick in," Gonese said. The MDC-T has unsuccessfully tried to impeach Mugabe in the past.

Mugabe's talks with army commander Constantino Chiwenga are the second round of negotiations on an exit with a veneer of dignity as the military tries to avoid accusations of a coup. The discussions come ahead of a key ruling party congress next month, as well as scheduled elections next year. Mugabe is said to be asking for more time.

Sunday's negotiations do not appear to include the South African government delegation that took part in the first round. South Africa's president on Saturday said talks are in "early days." The southern African regional bloc will hold a four-country summit in Angola on Tuesday to discuss the Zimbabwe situation.

Mugabe finds himself increasingly isolated under house arrest in his lavish Blue Roof mansion, deserted by most of his allies, with others arrested.

On Saturday, most of Harare's population poured into the streets in an anti-Mugabe demonstration that just days ago would have brought a police crackdown.

They clambered onto tanks moving slowly through the crowds, danced around soldiers and surged in the thousands toward the State House building where Mugabe held official functions, a symbol of the rule of the man who took power after independence from white minority rule in 1980.

AP

A happy protester pulls a face as he and others stand under a large national flag, at a demonstration of tens of thousands at Zimbabwe Grounds in Harare, Zimbabwe Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017.

The euphoria came after years of watching the once-prosperous African nation fall into decay, with a collapsing economy, repression of free speech, disputed elections and international sanctions.

Even as concerns remained about who next would be in charge and what freedoms might be available if the military lingers in power—or if Mnangagwa succeeds his longtime ally Mugabe as leader—people reveled in the rare chance to express themselves freely.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM DEVELOPERS

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PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DATE: March 08, 2018 • TIME: 10:00 AM

NMHC RFP 2017-008
"GARAPAN ANNEX PROPERTIES"

Proposal packets will be available on Monday, November 06, 2017, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, money order or cashier's check payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

The provisions of the CNMI Procurement regulations, NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 Prohibiting Gratuities, Kickbacks and Contingent Fees shall apply.

A mandatory pre-proposal conference is scheduled on Friday, December 01, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Saipan. Only those individuals who have paid the RFP Package Fee are allowed to attend the pre-proposal conference. All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670)234-9021, no later than Friday, December 01, 2017, 4:30 p.m. local time.

For more information, contact Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, at (670) 234-6866/9447 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except CNMI holidays.

/s/
Ignacio L. Perez
Board Chairman

/s/
Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fair Housing Accessibility Seminar

On Wednesday, December 13, 2017, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation is sponsoring the second part of a two-part training/seminar. The Fair Housing & Accessibility Seminar at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe is for **architects, attorneys, civil engineers, contractors, developers, builders, disability housing advocates, Section 504 coordinators, landlords, property managers, site managers, maintenance personnel, or anyone interested in Fair Housing Accessibility.**

The Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the ADA mandate accessibility for persons with disabilities. Come learn how your property, regardless of whether it is conventional, tax credit, or otherwise federally funded, must be made accessible under at least one of the three federal civil rights/accessibility laws (the Americans With Disabilities Act, Section 504, and/or the Fair Housing Act).

This seminar will help educate you on the obligations under each of these laws as well as what practical steps to take to ensure equal housing opportunity for persons with disabilities and avoid fair housing accessibility complaints. **The topics include: (1) what type of housing is covered by each of the three federal accessibility laws; (2) what technical standards or "safe harbors" are applicable; (3) how to ensure you have accessible public and common use areas and individual dwelling units; (4) common Fair Housing Act and Section 504 accessibility issues discovered on properties; (5) the latest Department of Justice accessibility settlements and enforcement actions; (6) the benefits of having an accessibility inspection and plan for your properties; and (7) much more.**

Registration fee before November 30, 2017 is $40.00 per person and registration fee after November 30, 2017 is $50.00 per person. For government agencies and non-profit partners, the registration fee is $25.00 per person. The fee will cover for the 2-day seminar and refreshments. Due to limited seating, please contact Doraine Camacho or Jacob Muna at 234-6866/9447/7670 for reservations

/s/
Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 17-105

Opening Date: Monday, November 20, 2017
Closing Date: Monday, December 4, 2017

Public Information Officer

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or designee. Serves as a liaison between CUC, the media and the public; plans, coordinates and disseminates public information utilizing various form of communication in an effort to educate and promote the organization's projects and activities. Prepares copy of news releases; content for the CUC website; articles; newsletters; reports and creates various collateral materials. Develops and coordinates public outreach programs; researches and identifies outreach needs and recommends communication methods for the provision of information. Receives and responds to inquiries from the public, internal departments, and other agencies as well as coordinating with CUC Call center; may serve as representative at public meetings to address questions or issues, and to provide community updates. Designs and implements public information campaigns, events and programs; determines campaign or program goals and expected outcomes; plans, coordinates and prepares materials and activities to meet goals and objectives. Researches, gathers and maintains information and communication materials and archives. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION: **Administration Office, SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands, USA**
SALARY: Commensurate with Qualification and Experience
POSITIONS: One (1)
CONTRACT: Not contracted.

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Journalism, Public Administration or related field and 4 years or related public information experience. Proficiency in multiple languages (such as legally recognized language in the CNMI: English, Chamorro and Carolinian) is a plus. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth, State and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Public relations principles and techniques; Communication methods; Media relations principles, Customer relations principles; Modern Office Technology. **Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; serving as a public information liaison and representative to the community; Planning, coordinating and disseminating public information; Determining information needs and promoting and educating the public; Preparing news releases, communications content, articles and collateral materials; Listening and responding to inquiries and effectively conveying information; Utilizing critical thinking and social perception to identify issues; Researching and preparing recommendations and responses; Designing and implementing programs and events; Measuring effectiveness of program delivery for future enhancements; Gathering and maintaining communication materials and information; utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

Drop off your CUC Employment Application at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration Office.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 17-106

Opening Date: Monday, November 20, 2017
Closing Date: Monday, December 4, 2017

Chief of Administration

Duties: Under the general supervision of the Executive Director, the Incumbent of this position duties and responsibilities are: Plans, organizes, and directs the Administrative activities of the Corporation, supervises the work of professional, technical and clerical employees. Directs staff services of the Corporation to which assigned, directs personnel, finance, budget, purchasing, supply and other office management operation, studies and develops office methods and procedures. Performs variety of public relation duties, prepare news releases, speaks before the community groups to explain programs and engineer public interest and participation. Represents administrative superior of day-to-day operational problems in his absence; performs liaison with other department and the public. Coordinates the processing of personnel actions for recruitment, promotions, meritorious step increases, adverse actions, establishment of new positions, and other requests. Interprets and explains administrative policies, rules and procedures to employees and supervisors. Work independently with high degree of expertise in program development. Develop policies, rules and regulations and participates in the development and revision of legislation affecting program and implementations. Conducts staff meeting to insure that goals and objectives are met and completed on a timely basis. Promulgates and interprets the policies and procedures (procurement) as established by the Board of Directors. Develops policies and procedures for accountability and management of personal property. Stand-by before and during emergencies such as power outages, storm conditions and other natural disasters to coordinate the needs of supplies and materials for procurement and issuance. Perform other related duties as assigned.

LOCATION: **Administration Office, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.**
SALARY: Commensurate with Qualification and Experience
CONTRACT: Not Contracted
POSITION(S): One (1)

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Business Management or Finance and/or related field and at least eight (8) years of strong operational experience required or Master's in Business Management or Finance or related field and at least five (5) years in senior management role preferred. **Knowledge of:** Federal, Commonwealth, State and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Customer and personnel service; Supervisory responsibility; Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources. **Skill in:** Organizational development, personnel management, budget and resource development; Excellent people skills, with an ability to partner with a dynamic leadership team; Possess personal qualities of integrity, credibility and commitment to corporate mission; Flexible and able to multitask; can work with an ambiguous, fast-moving environment, while also driving toward clarity and solutions; demonstrated resourcefulness in setting priorities and guiding investment in people and systems; Judgement and decision making, considering the relative cost and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one; Analyzing data to assess operational or project effectiveness; Developing organizational policies or programs. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug testing.

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Lebanon's PM Hariri says he will be in Beirut within days

PARIS (AP)—Lebanon's Prime Minister Saad Hariri said he will return home in the coming days from where he will declare a political stance for the first time since making a strange resignation announcement from Saudi Arabia that unleashed fears of a crisis in Lebanon.

Hariri and his family met Saturday with French President Emmanuel Macron, who invited the Lebanese leader to Paris to dispel fears that he was being held in Saudi Arabia against his will. Macron is seeking to calm tensions and avert a proxy conflict between Saudi-backed and Iranian-backed camps in Lebanon.

Hariri's appearance in Paris—looking relaxed and posing with his wife and older son on the steps of the Elysee Palace with the French presidential couple in front of a large crowd of journalists—contrasted with his limited-access, carefully choreographed appearances from Saudi Arabia.

Hariri

Hariri told Lebanese President Michel Aoun on Saturday that he will take part in Independence Day celebrations in Beirut on Wednesday, according to Macron's office.

After his meeting with Macron, Hariri told reporters: "God willing, I will attend Independence Day in Lebanon and will declare my political stance from Lebanon and after meeting President Michel Aoun."

"As you know I have resigned and we will talk about this matter in Lebanon," Hariri said after thanking Macron, who he added "expressed pure friendship toward me that I will never forget."

The Independence Day ceremony is usually headed by the president, prime minister and parliament speaker, and Hariri's presence could help calm uncertainties that have escalated since his strange and surprising resignation announcement on Nov. 4 from Saudi Arabia.

However, Hariri's political status is murky. Lebanon's president refused to accept Hariri's resignation, accusing the Saudis of holding him against his will.

A high official in Macron's office said Hariri's place is first in Beirut, "which is the only place where he can hand his resignation to the Lebanese head of state."

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd floor-Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-18-IFB-003

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ROLL-OFF TRUCK WITH CABLE HOIST & TARPING SYSTEM TO THE LOWER BASE TRANSFER STATION, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Supply & Delivery of Roll-Off Truck with Cable Hoist & Tarping System to the Lower Base Transfer Station (LBTS), Saipan,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 13, 2017** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **December 15, 2017, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 22, 2017** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-18-IFB-003"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time December 29, 2017.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, December 29, 2017,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 29, 2017** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **January 05, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, January 08, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, on December 29, 2017**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance bond, equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of the bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Twenty (120) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Health & Fitness

Calories burn long after intense workout

By NANCI HELLMICH
USA TODAY

People who exercise vigorously get a bonus for their hard work: They continue to burn extra calories long after they're finished working out, a new study shows.

Researchers found that men who biked intensely on a stationary bike for 45 minutes burned an extra 190 calories over the 14 hours after their workout. This is in addition to the calories they used while exercising.

"This is the best evidence we have that a lot of calories are burned after intense exercise," says the study's lead author David Nieman, an exercise researcher with Appalachian State University in Kannapolis, N.C.

The findings may also apply to other high-intensity, sweat-producing activities such as running, jogging and playing intense games of basketball and soccer, he says.

To get the extra calorie-burning benefits, the workout needs to be intense enough that "you're sweating, your body temperature is up and your heart beats fast," Nieman says.

Others researchers have looked at moderate-intensity activities, such as walking, and found no post-activity impact on calories, he says. You might be able to turn walking into this kind of calorie-burning workout but it would probably mean hiking uphill with a backpack, stair climbing or race walking, he says.

Nieman and his colleagues at Appalachian State and researchers at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill studied the caloric expenditures of 10 men, ages 22 to 33, using a scientific device called a metabolic chamber. It's a silicone-sealed room that looks like a small hotel room with a bed, laptop, toilet and sink.

Researchers are able to measure the participant's oxygen consumption and carbon dioxide production in the room and determine the calorie expenditure of that person.

For this study, each participant had a rest day in the room, doing very little activity for 24 hours except for sitting and sleeping. Each participant spent a second day in the room, following a similar routine except he cycled vigorously for 45 minutes beginning at 11 a.m.

The findings were reported in September's Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise, the journal of the American College of Sports Medicine:

- The men burned an average of 190 more calories during the 14.2 hours after exercising, compared to their rest day in the chamber.
- They burned an average of 519 calories during the biking. Hence, they used about 709 more calories on workout days than rest days.

"That means a person would lose one pound after five intense exercise bouts if they resisted the temptation to eat more," Nieman says. "This shows that intense exercise can have a meaningful impact on your body fat stores if you don't counter it with an extra piece of cake.

"I hope this will motivate people to get out there to do sweat-producing activities. You get so much bang for your buck."

Although the study involved men, Nieman says "there's every reason to believe that the findings apply to women, too."

Tim Church at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge says, "the results of this study are a great incentive to incorporate exercise in your daily routine. It's one more example of the power of exercise."

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QUINN ON NUTRITION

Update on calcium

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Our muscles (including the heart) depend on calcium to function, but how much calcium do we need to maintain bones, teeth and other critical body functions?

By BARBARA QUINN
THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD/TNS

It's the most abundant mineral in the body. And 99 percent of the calcium in our bodies is stored in our bones and teeth. The other 1 percent is pretty darn important as well. According to the National Institutes of Health Office of Dietary Supplements, our muscles (including the heart) depend on calcium to function. Nerve signals and hormones also rely on a small yet steady supply of calcium.

How much calcium do we need to maintain bones, teeth and other critical body functions? Babies and toddlers need 200 to 700 milligrams (mg) per day, depending on their age. From the age of four our daily need for this essential mineral varies between 1000 and 1300 milligrams.

What does that look like in food? One cup of milk, yogurt or calcium-fortified soy milk supplies about 300 mg of calcium. One ounce of cheese or 4 ounces of calcium-fortified tofu or orange juice contain about 200 mg of calcium. Vegetables such as kale, broccoli and turnip greens contain smaller amounts of calcium although calcium in these foods is generally less available to be absorbed by the body.

How do we figure calcium content from a food label? Until the newest Nutrition Facts label appears on products, just add a zero behind calcium's Daily Value. For example, a daily value of 30 percent would mean the food contains about 300 mg of calcium.

What about calcium supplements? Concerns surfaced a few years ago that calcium supplements may be linked to an increased risk for heart attacks. This led to further investigations and revised recommendations, most notably from experts in osteoporosis and cardiology. Authorities now advise us not to exceed the upper tolerable limit (UL) for calcium—2000 IU's per day for adults 51 years and older and 2500 IU's daily for 19-50 year olds. And remember that includes the total daily calcium we consume from food and supplements combined.

Calcium carbonate and calcium citrate are two common forms of supplemental calcium. Calcium carbonate relies on stomach acids to be absorbed so best to take it with meals when digestive juices are churning. Calcium citrate is more expensive but does not rely on stomach acids to be absorbed; it's preferred for anyone with digestive issues.

Calcium's helpmate for absorption into the body is vitamin D. Healthy people between the ages of 1 and 70 need 600 International Units (IU) of vitamin D per day. The need for vitamin D goes up to 800 IU's daily for those over the age of 70 since our skin is less able to convert vitamin D from sunlight as we age.

Vitamin D occurs naturally in very few foods. Best sources include fish and fish oils (the same types of foods that supply omega-3 fats). Most of the milk sold in the US is fortified with 100 IU's of vitamin D per cup. Supplemental vitamin D is often necessary when food intake and sun exposure fail to provide adequate amount of this important nutrient.

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PILATES EXERCISES For weight loss at home

Life & Style

Carpenters returns with vinyl remasters of hit albums

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, Calif. (AP)—Carpenters fans have a dozen reasons to be on top of the world this week.

Nearly 30 years since the last LP album of new Carpenters material was released, remastered vinyl versions of 12 of the duo's albums will be released Friday, offering fans clearer versions of tracks including the pop classics "We've Only Just Begun" and "Top of the World."

A&M/UMe will be selling the albums individually, as well as in the box set, "Carpenters—The Vinyl Collection."

"I know there's been interest in it, certainly for the audiophiles, ever since the CD (format) came out, because a number of people, of course, believe that CDs aren't as warm (sounding)," Richard Carpenter said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press at his home earlier this week.

The new Carpenters releases are made to accommodate those with pricey sound systems. Each record is pressed on extra-hefty 180g vinyl, which is less prone to warping and offers potential benefits such as less noise.

AP

This image released by A&M Records shows "Carpenters: The Vinyl Collection." Twelve albums of the best-selling duo, siblings Richard Carpenter and the late Karen Carpenter, have been remastered and pressed on high-quality vinyl and will be released on Friday.

Vinyl is no longer just for audiophiles. Records are expected to generate approximately $1 billion in sales for the first time since the 1980s, representing about six percent of all global music revenues, according to a January report by Deloitte.

Carpenter, 71, has collected records since childhood and said he was delighted by vinyl's resurgence.

Carpenters has been a best-selling recording act ever since its 1970 breakthrough "Close to You" and remains popular. The duo's music last year climbed to No. 2 on the UK pop-album chart with the compilation "The Nation's Favourite Songs," tied to the popular TV series.

Carpenter has spent most of his life following sister Karen's 1983 death from complications of anorexia nervosa, as caretaker of the Carpenters legacy—preserving the integrity of the Carpenters brand and recordings, and assuring the estate is compensated. (In January, he filed a $2 million lawsuit against A&M/UMe for non-payment of royalties—a case settled in May.)

After Karen's death, Carpenter produced four albums of unreleased Carpenters recordings, as well as numerous compilations. He recorded two solo albums, oversaw the release of his sister's long-unreleased solo album and produced albums for others. He performs occasional concerts and is active in humanitarian efforts.

Model Gigi Hadid pulls out of Victoria's Secret China show

SHANGHAI (AP)—Supermodel Gigi Hadid said Friday she will not be walking the Victoria's Secret fashion show in Shanghai next week, a few months after Chinese internet users accused her of racist behavior.

Hadid said in a post on her Twitter account: "I'm so bummed I won't be able to make it to China this year. Love my VS family, and will be with all my girls in spirit!!"

Hadid did not give a reason and Victoria's Secret refused to comment on the issue.

"Victoria's Secret will not have a response," a spokeswoman said by email.

The surprise exit comes months after a video of Hadid triggered an outpouring of criticism on Chinese social networks. It showed Hadid squinting in a way that appeared to be a reference to a stereotype about Asian facial features.

Hadid responded by apologizing in September on China's popular Twitter-like microblog site, Weibo. "I have learned to be very careful of how my actions can come off or be portrayed, and I'm hopeful you'll accept my apology," the post said.

It was not immediately clear whether Hadid had been denied a visa. Asked about this at a regular briefing, a spokesman for China's foreign ministry said he was unclear about the issue.

It is not uncommon for entertainers and performers to be denied visas by Chinese authorities for political reasons.

Most recently, as tensions rose between China and South Korea over a U.S. missile defense system, some K-pop and K-drama stars had to cancel widely anticipated visits to China due to visa delays.

In Humble Gratitude

We the family of the late

†Louise Carmina Sablan Concepcion

wish to express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation to our family and friends who came to be with us during the most difficult time in our lives when we lost our beloved. Our beloved +Louise was a loyal wife, faithful friend, loving mother, compassionate grandmother and great grandmother. Your presence, thoughts, love and support for us have helped us endure the pain of our loss. We are forever grateful for the many people that came and shared these moments with us.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to Fr. Jason Grenado for the nightly Eucharistic Celebrations and presiding over the Mass of Christian Burial, assisted by Fr. Ken Hezel SJ and Fr. James Balajadia. We would also like to thank the presiders of Kristo Rai Parish for celebrating the daily mass of intentions for our beloved.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase to Mrs. Juanet C. Deleon Guerrero for leading the rosary at the viewing, the Kantayi Kristo Rai Choir for the beautiful serenade at the funeral, and Cabrera's Funeral Services for the coordination and beautiful service.

We would like to thank Representative Frank Aguon, Representative Ivan Blanco, Representative Angel Demapan, and Mayor David Apatang for your assistance throughout the days leading up to the funeral. To the Department of Public Safety, thank you for your assistance as we escorted our beloved to the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral. A special thanks to the Department of Public Works - Roads and Grounds crew for all their hard work and assistance.

Our sincerest appreciation goes out to Dr. Joel Smith and the doctors and nurses at CHCC for their untiring commitment to taking care of our beloved.
To our family and friends who have helped us in any way, si yu'us ma'ase!

William C. Ada, children, and family

Rapper, fashion star Lil Peep dies; drug overdose suspected

Rapper Lil Peep, a budding star whose emotional, downtrodden lyrics gained a cult following online, died of a suspected drug overdose Wednesday night. He was 21.

Police in Tucson, Arizona, say Lil Peep, whose real name was Gustav Ahr, was found dead on his tour bus ahead of a scheduled concert in the city Wednesday night. Sgt. Pete Dugan says evidence pointed to an overdose of the anti-anxiety medication Xanax.

The Pima County medical examiner's office, which completed an autopsy Thursday, said a drug overdose was the likely cause but that toxicology test results would take six to eight weeks.

Sarah Stennett, who runs First Access Entertainment, a company that previously worked with Ahr, said in a statement that she was "shocked and heartbroken."

"He was highly intelligent, hugely creative, massively charismatic, gentle and charming," she said. "He had huge ambition and his career was flourishing."

A Long Island native who later relocated to Los Angeles, Ahr built his career on homemade mixtapes released on the audio sharing platform SoundCloud. Millions of online listens led to the August release of his first full-length album, "Come Over When You're Sober, Part 1."

In a 2016 interview with Pitchfork, he described his confessional music as a new version of "emo," the rock genre that was occupied by bands like Good Charlotte and My Chemical Romance in the 2000s.

With tattoos covering his body and parts of his face and a shock of blond hair, Ahr's striking appearance caught the fashion world's attention. He made runway appearances for several labels in Europe and his ambitions in that realm rivaled his dreams for his rap career.

"I think the fashion world really needs me right now," he told GQ in August.

Green Day releases greatest hits album spanning 30 years

NEW YORK (AP)—Green Day released a massive greatest hits album on Friday, but the trio isn't saying "Good Riddance" anytime soon.

The Grammy Award-winning band and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees released "Greatest Hits: God's Favorite Band," an album that spans about 30 years.

Lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong said he thinks it's the perfect soundtrack for our "age of outrage," and rather than a farewell album, is "sort of like a book of short stories."

"I don't think there's really any sadness," Armstrong said by phone from Bogota, Colombia. "I think it's more a little bit of nostalgia and reflecting on what we've done in the past and delivering to our fans."

Armstrong and the band, which also includes drummer Tre Cool and bassist Mike Dirnt, said the timing just felt right this year for the compilation.

"The great thing is we're young enough that we have another lifetime in front of us. That's the part that I'm excited about," said Armstrong, who was 16 when the band was started in 1986.

The new 22-track collection includes such hits as "When I Come Around," ''Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)," ''American Idiot," ''21 Guns," ''Boulevard of Broken Dreams," ''She" and "Wake Me Up When September Ends."

It also includes a new song called "Back in the USA," which has the lyric "I woke up to a bitter storm." Armstrong said it was written after Green Day returned to the U.S. from a European tour following Donald Trump's presidential election.

"I felt we'd come back to a different America that I was trying to recognize," he said.

Spokeswoman: David Cassidy in hospital with organ failure

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—"Partridge Family" star David Cassidy has been hospitalized in Florida with multiple organ failure.

Publicist JoAnn Geffen tells The Associated Press that Cassidy is in a Fort Lauderdale-area hospital with liver and kidney failure. She says he's in a private room, conscious and surrounded by family. Geffen says there is nothing "imminent" about his condition, and doctors are hoping to "keep him as well as they can until they can find another liver."

Earlier, his rep said Cassidy was in pain and taken to the hospital on Wednesday.

Cassidy

The 67-year-old former teen idol, who lives in the Fort Lauderdale area, said earlier this year that he was struggling with memory loss and that he was ending his 50-year career. Cassidy has had numerous personal problems in the decades following his initial success, ranging from substance abuse to bankruptcy.

He's the stepson of actress and fellow "Partridge Family" star Shirley Jones.

Reports of Cassidy's hospitalization prompted a flood of supportive comments on social media.

His half-brother Shaun Cassidy, also a former actor and singer and now a TV producer, tweeted Wednesday afternoon, "Thank you for all your love and good wishes for David. It means the world to all of us."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

In only 4 days, Taylor Swift sells the most albums of 2017

NEW YORK (AP)—In just four days, Taylor Swift's new album has sold more traditional albums than any other release this year. Billboard reports the album, "reputation," sold 1.05 million copies in the first four days after its Nov. 10 release. Before Swift released her album, Ed Sheeran's "Divide" was the year's best-selling album, with 919,000 units sold. Kendrick Lamar's "Damn" has sold 842,000 units. Since Billboard changed how it views albums sales—incorporating single track sales (10 song sales = 1 album sale) and streaming (1,500 streams = 1 album sale)—Sheeran's album has sold 2.3 million units overall. Lamar's has moved 2.5 million units. Swift's "reputation" is not available on streaming services, pushing fans to buy it or wait until it appears on Spotify or Apple Music. It's Swift's fourth album to sell more than 1 million units in its first week of release. Swift became the first artist to have three albums sell more than 1 million copies in their first week when "1989" reached the feat in 2014. Her albums "Speak Now" and "Red" also sold more than 1 million units in their debut weeks.

Meryl Streep says violent experiences changed her profoundly

NEW YORK (AP)—Meryl Streep says the two times in her life she dealt with violence were so profound it changed her "on a cellular level." Streep made the remarks Wednesday at the Committee to Protect Journalists' 27th annual International Press Freedom Awards in New York. The Oscar-winner told the audience she did "know something about real terror." She recounted two incidents, one in which she said she was attacked and "played dead and waited until the blows stopped." Streep then described another incident when someone else was being abused. She said in that case, she "went completely nuts" and chased the man off. It was after telling the stories that Streep said the experiences changed her permanently. Streep did not give any more details, other than to say Cher witnessed the second incident.

Rare comic showing Superman's 1st appearance to be auctioned

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A well-preserved issue of the 1938 comic book that first featured Superman is heading to the auction block. Profiles in History announced Friday that it will sell a copy of Action Comics #1 at a Dec. 19 auction in Los Angeles. The comic, which features Superman hoisting a car over his head on its cover, is expected to sell for between $800,000 to $1.2 million. The auction house says the comic is in its original condition and has been rated in fine/very fine condition. The sale comes a few months before the 80th anniversary of Superman's debut. The auction features other Superman memorabilia, including a costume worn by actor Christopher Reeve in 1983's "Superman III." The Man of Steel is back on the big screen this week in "Justice League."

Yoko Ono's Basquiat painting sells for nearly $11 million

NEW YORK (AP)—A painting by Jean-Michel Basquiat from the collection of Yoko Ono has sold for $10.9 million. Sotheby's says the work, titled "Cabra", was sold Thursday night in New York to an unidentified buyer. The pre-sale estimate was $9 million to $12 million. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Spirit Foundations, founded by Ono and John Lennon. "Cabra" was inspired by Muhammad Ali's 1970 knockout of Argentine heavyweight Oscar Bonavena, known as "The Bull." It shows a bull's skull on a bright red background above a boxing ring. Hieroglyphics denoting a "TKO"—technical knockout —are above the skull. The title, "Cabra," is Spanish for goat. When capitalized, GOAT becomes an acronym for "Greatest of All Time"—a reference to Ali.

Clinton jokes she's resigning from the 'Fox News presidency'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Clinton is mocking Fox News for "always talking" about her as if she'd won the presidency. The 2016 Democratic presidential candidate is joking in an interview with the online news outlet NowThis that she is officially resigning as the conservative news channel's president of the United States. She says the outlet is "always talking about the Clinton administration," despite the fact that she lost the election Donald Trump. Clinton says: "I want to take this opportunity, sitting here with you, to announce that I am resigning from the Fox News presidency. "She adds: "I think that we should just leave that behind us and whoever they want to blame for anything, they're going to have to find somebody else."

Jennifer Hudson obtains protection order against ex-fiance

CHICAGO (AP)—Jennifer Hudson has obtained an order of protection against her former fiance David Otunga. Police in suburban Chicago say Otunga was removed from the couple's home in Burr Ridge, Illinois, Thursday night after being notified of the order. Burr Ridge Police Chief John Madden tells The Associated Press Otunga "left the residence without incident." Tracy Rizzo, the attorney for the former WWE star, says Hudson petitioned for the order "in an effort to gain an unfair advantage in the custody dispute" involving the former couple's 8-year-old son. Rizzo says Otunga "has never abused or harassed" Hudson. Rizzo calls the protection order "meritless" and says Hudson made "false allegations" against him. Hudson's representative didn't immediately return a request for comment Friday.

Actor Tom Sizemore denies groping allegations

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Actor Tom Sizemore is denying recent allegations that he groped an 11-year-old Utah girl during a 2003 photo shoot. Sizemore called the claims "highly disturbing" in a statement late Thursday. He lamented his history of drug abuse and domestic violence arrests, but says he would never inappropriately touch a child. A Salt Lake City police report says the girl reported that Sizemore kissed and groped her during production of the movie eventually titled "Born Killers." Utah prosecutors didn't file charges, citing witness and evidence problems. The report says the woman responsible for juvenile performers didn't see inappropriate touching. A lawyer said Sizemore was fired from the production. Sizemore says he was allowed back after an investigation. Sizemore's career has included prominent roles in "Saving Private Ryan" and "Black Hawk Down."

Museums mark 100 years since death of French artist Rodin

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Museums around the world are marking 100 years since the death of French artist Auguste Rodin, including the Rodin Museum in Philadelphia. A ceremony marking the day of the artist's death was held Friday at the museum on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Those taking part tossed red roses in a reflecting pool at the museum. Other events are planned throughout the year to mark the centenary. Rodin's famous statue "The Thinker" stands outside the Philadelphia museum, which opened in 1929. The collection features other well-known works, including a cast of "The Burghers of Calais" and "The Monument to Honore de Balzac." A current exhibition is organized around Philadelphia's copy of another famed work, "The Kiss."

Thanksgiving prayer for peace seeks to bring world together

DEAR ABBY: Our organization, No Greater Love, is a nonprofit humanitarian organization that honors America's fallen and their families, and promotes peace. I am reaching out to you and your millions of readers about an important event we are planning. NGL invites you and your readers to become links in our Chain of Prayer for Peace.

As you gather together at Thanksgiving, please consider adding a special prayer for peace. Our goal is to link children and adults of all religions by praying on that day—and every day possible—for peace in the world.

We have invited the five major world religions— Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism—all of which regard peace as a universal concept. While our specific beliefs may differ, we are all one through our quest for love and peace.

CARMELLA LaSPADA

DEAR CARMELLA: I am sure my readers will agree that your idea is one worth trying. I'm reminded of the adage that when a stone is tossed into a pond, the ripple effect spreads much farther than the point of impact. It's my prayer that when readers of all faiths focus their positive energy on such an important outcome, something similar will happen.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Mark," and I have been dating for three months but have been friends for about eight years. Neither of us have it together (career-wise) at the moment. Mark is two years older than me.

For some reason, he's hesitant about getting his driver's license. When I brought it up when he was a senior in high school—we were just friends then—he said he was going to get it before graduation. That was seven years ago. Now he's my boyfriend, and I feel weird picking him up and dropping him off.

His excuse is he wants to perfect parallel parking. When I got my driver's license, I did just OK with parallel parking, but I passed the driving test. How do I approach him about getting his driver's license?

GETTING NOWHERE IN GEORGIA

DEAR GETTING NOWHERE: For whatever reason, I suspect that Mark hasn't been completely honest about why he hasn't gotten his driver's license. Approach him directly, and tell him you are uncomfortable providing all the transportation. And if his excuse is he wants to perfect his parallel parking, suggest he take a driver's education course.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved to Florida. We are meeting people but are confused regarding social activities. We have been invited to get-togethers several times only to be instructed to bring our own drinks and an appetizer to share. When we entertain, we don't expect our guests to bring anything. Is this the norm?

CONFUSED IN FLORIDA

DEAR CONFUSED: It may be the norm in the community where you are now living, but it's news to me. I have heard of a BYOB party, and I have heard of a potluck party, but never a "Bring Your Own EVERYTHING" party.

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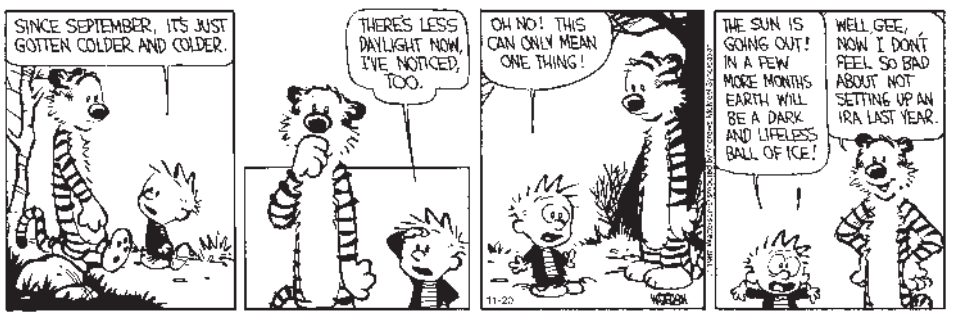
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


SINCE SEPTEMBER, IT'S JUST GOTTEN COLDER AND COLDER.
THERE'S LESS DAYLIGHT NOW, I'VE NOTICED, TOO.
OH NO! THIS CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING!
THE SUN IS GOING OUT! IN A FEW MORE MONTHS EARTH WILL BE A DARK AND LIFELESS BALL OF ICE!
WELL GEE, NOW I DON'T FEEL SO BAD ABOUT NOT SETTING UP AN IRA LAST YEAR.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

YOU KNOW HOW WE ALL LOVE MASHED POTATOES?
I SURE DO.
WHY DON'T WE MAKE OTHER MASHED FOOD?
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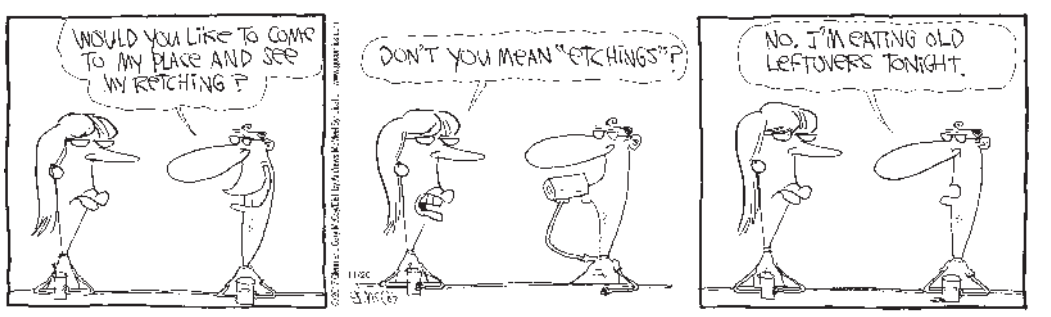
YOU HAVE MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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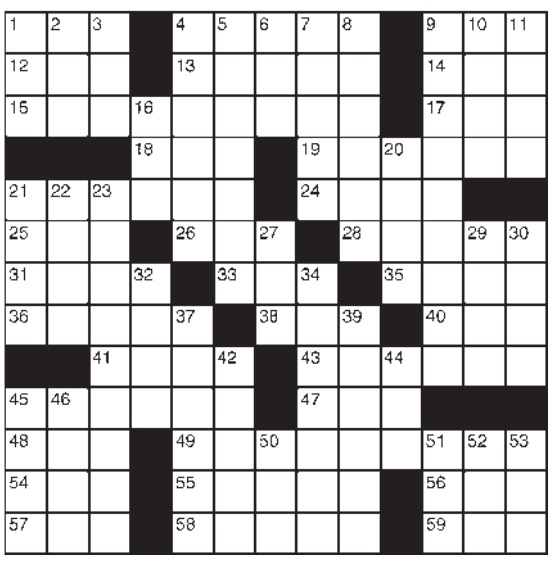
Last Friday's Answer 11-20



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ashley Fink, 31; Dan Byrd, 32; Joel McHale, 46; Bo Derek, 61.

Happy Birthday: Concentrate on changes that will improve your personal life and living situation this year. Make professional moves that will be more conducive to your private lifestyle, giving you greater opportunity to be with and enjoy the people and pastimes that bring you the greatest happiness. Choose physical challenges that will result in satisfaction and greater confidence. Your numbers are 8, 19, 26, 28, 32, 35, 49.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Get involved, make a change or learn something new. Shake things up a bit and trust in your judgment, not what someone else wants you to do. Experience and knowledge are fundamental when your aim is success. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Pay close attention to partnerships and joint finances. It's important to be clear when you are sharing assets and liabilities with someone else. Don't hesitate to suggest changes that can improve your current situation. Be honest and offer incentives. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Listen to your heart and follow your common sense when dealing with other people. No one will be looking out for your interests better than you will. Positive change is apparent and initiating what you want will be essential. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Be careful how you handle situations that deal with partnerships, children or socializing with peers. Do your best to be amicable and offer positive and compassionate responses regardless of what others do or say. Take the high road. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You'll have to make tough choices. Be good to others, but not at the expense of shortchanging yourself. Balance will be required with every opportunity that comes your way. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Concentrate on personal progress and self-improvement, not trying to change others. You'll face opposition at home if you don't try to get along with those you live with and let them have a say. Focus on keeping the peace. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Plan an excursion. Going to the market or a destination that promises something unique will not disappoint you. Chatting with old friends or making plans for your next vacation will give you something to think about and boost your morale. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Dig in, work hard and bring about the changes that will lead to greater opportunities. Your ability to get things done will be impressive and have an impact on the way others view you. Don't cut corners. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stay focused on what's important to you. Get involved in activities that will lead to accomplishments that you find satisfying. Dealing with children and friends will be engaging, but will require sincerity, loyalty and honesty to avoid a misunderstanding. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Do your thing, but don't share information or give away secrets. The more you accomplish on your own, the further ahead you will be. Personal improvements will make you difficult to beat should someone want to compete with you. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Temptation is the enemy. Pick and choose your friends carefully. Put your time, energy and intelligence to proper use. Concentrate on what you can do to make a difference and positive changes will be the result. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Take a moment to digest what's happening around you. Absorb the information offered and look out for your own interests. Don't feel the need to follow the crowd. Stick to what you know and forge ahead. Focus on self-improvement. ✪✪
Birthday Baby: You are outspoken, sensitive and adaptable. You are engaging and imaginative.

To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Altuve wins AL MVP, Stanton earns NL honor

NEW YORK (AP)— Jose Altuve and the Houston Astros have grown together, enduring an arduous rebuild and coming out the other side among baseball's best.

These days, nobody is standing taller.

Altuve won the American League MVP award Thursday, towering over New York Yankees slugger Aaron Judge by a wide margin and capping Houston's championship season with another piece of hardware.

Giancarlo Stanton won the NL MVP, edging Joey Votto of the Cincinnati Reds in the closest vote since 1979.

The 5-foot-6 Altuve drew 27 of the 30 first-place votes in balloting by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"I was surprised that I won it," Altuve said. "I wasn't expecting this."

It was a landslide long in the making. Altuve has been in Houston since general manager Jeff Luhnow took a scorched earth approach to developing a winner. The Astros lost 100-plus games in each of Altuve's first three seasons, beginning in 2011.

Houston won its first World Series earlier this month, and it needed its longest-tenured player to get there. Altuve batted a major league-best .346 in the regular season, hit 24 home runs with 81 RBI, scored 112 times, stole 32 bases and showed a sharp glove at second base. Voting for these honors was completed before the postseason began.

It's been over a decade since Altuve signed with Houston from Venezuela—only after he was sent home from one tryout and told he was too short.

"They told me not to come back," Altuve said. "It was something me and my dad, he went with me that day, we were like, `We have to go again. We have to try again."

"It's not a rule that you have to be 6-foot or you have to be really strong to play baseball and become a good player," he added.

Miami Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton, left, and Houston Astros' Jose Altuve win the NL and AL MVP awards, respectively.

Altuve beat out a player who couldn't be more different. The 6-7 Judge won the AL Rookie of the Year award Monday after setting a rookie record with 52 home runs. Judge's moonshot homers dominated the highlights, and his No. 99 jersey was the top seller in baseball. Even Altuve has said he would have voted for Judge.

Judge had 8.2 wins above replacement compared to Altuve's 7.5, per Fangraphs, while baseball-reference.com's WAR metric preferred Altuve 8.3 to 8.1. Yet Judge got only two first-place votes, with the other going to third-place finisher Jose Ramirez of the Indians.

Altuve was the second Houston player to win an MVP—Jeff Bagwell earned the 1994 NL award.

While Altuve is set to defend his title in Houston, Stanton may be taking a piece of Marlins history elsewhere. He earned the franchise's first MVP in the same week new team executive Derek Jeter said the club is listening to trade offers for Stanton. The 28-year-old outfielder is owed $295 million over the final decade of his record $325 million, 13-year contract.

"It's an interesting feeling and situation for me," Stanton said.

Stanton would prefer to stick around and wants the team's pitching situation "to be thoroughly addressed, not just somewhat addressed." He's not convinced the Marlins are ready to do that.

"I'm not entirely sure, to be honest," he said. "I know all teams have plenty of money."

The 6-6 Stanton led the big leagues with 59 home runs, most in the majors since 2001, when Barry Bonds hit a record 73 and Sammy Sosa had 64.

Stanton got 10 first-place votes and 302 points. Votto, who led the majors with a .454 on-base percentage, also got 10 firsts and had 300 points. Arizona's Paul Goldschmidt was third.

"I felt like it was going to be so close and I felt like I had a legitimate shot," Votto said. "It just feels like it's exactly kind of how I thought it would play out."

The last time an MVP race was so close, Willie Stargell and Keith Hernandez tied for the NL prize in 1979.

Stanton became only the seventh player to win from a losing team. The Marlins were 77-85.

Stanton joins Dan Marino and LeBron James as the only Miami pro athletes in a major sport to win MVP.

"That's definitely good company," Stanton said.

Yankees interviews Boone for manager post

NEW YORK (AP)—Having never managed or coached at any level, Aaron Boone believes his provenance prepared him to lead the New York Yankees.

"I would say in a way I've been preparing for this job for the last 44 years," Boone said Friday after becoming the fourth person to interview for the job that opened when Joe Girardi was let go Oct. 26.

Boone's grandfather, Ray, was a two-time All-Star infielder from 1948-60. His father, Bob, was a four-time All-Star catcher from 1972-90, then managed Kansas City from 1995-97 and Cincinnati from 2001-03.

Aaron Boone was a big league third baseman from 1997-2009 and was an All-Star in 2003, when New York acquired him from the Reds at the trade deadline. His 11th-inning home run off Boston's Tim Wakefield won Game 7 of the AL Championship Series for the Yankees, but he tore a knee ligament during a pickup basketball game during the offseason and was released by New York, which replaced him by acquiring Alex Rodriguez.

Asked this week whether A-Rod would be considered to manage the Yankees, owner Hal Steinbrenner said "my concern about a candidate like that would just be the lack of managerial experience but even more important coaching experiences of any kind. Presidential candidates normally are senators or governors."

Boone doesn't see it as a hurdle.

"Obviously experience is very valuable and should be a check mark for somebody," he said. "I've been going to the ballpark since I was 3 and 4 years old, and in a way managing the game from a very young age. And then growing up where my dad was in the big leagues from the time I was born to the time I was in a senior in high school and being around great teams, great players, I've kind of lived this game as a kid."

Yankees bench coach Rob Thomson, former Cleveland and Seattle manager Eric Wedge, and San Francisco bench coach Hensley Meulens previously interviewed.

Boone had never interviewed previously for a manager opening. He has been an analyst for ESPN since his retirement as a player.

"I just feel like it's started to really pull at me," he said. "Especially the last few years I find myself managing games all the time and thinking about strategies and how I would handle different situations."

Yankees general manager reached out to Boone a few weeks ago about the job. Aaron Boone spoke with his dad all week ahead of the interview but doesn't envision hiring him for his staff.

His dad has worked for the Washington Nationals since December 2004 and currently is an assistant general manager.

"He definitely recognizes how much it's changed over the last couple years, five years, 10 years, to where—especially with analytics these days, it's a different job," Aaron Boone said. "There's a lot to consider and there's a lot of great information out there that is instilled into the game today. And it's I think now more than ever more of a partnership from front office to manager."

"We are an extension of the front office and a part of the front office," he added, "and how we gather information and get it in the hands of the players is a very important part of the job nowadays."

Boone thinks his initial challenge would be the mechanics of in-game moves such as pitching changes. A big part of the job would be to convince players he and the staff care about them, can be trusted and will make decisions best for the team.

"One of the big parts of the job is relationships," he said.

Broncos boss blames players, not coaches, for nosedive

DENVER (AP)—Broncos general manager John Elway defended his embattled rookie head coach and his staff Friday night while laying the blame for Denver's five-game skid squarely on the shoulders of his underachieving players.

"At the end of the year we'll evaluate it and we'll look back and see what happened. But I will tell you, I think we got a little bit soft," Elway said Friday night. "To be dead honest with you, we got a little bit soft. We went 4-0 in the preseason, we started out 3-1, then we get a bye week and if you exhale in this league, you're in trouble.

"To be dead honest with you, I think we exhaled and it's hard to recover from that. So, it's a lesson that hopefully we all learned and prevent it from happening again."

Elway spoke to reporters after a rain-soaked ceremony outside Sports Authority Field commemorating the late Red Miller's Ring of Fame induction and the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction of Terrell Davis.

These were his first public comments since the skid started with a shocking loss to the previously winless Giants when the Broncos were coming off a bye week. The skid eventually cost quarterback Trevor Siemian his starting job.

Brock Osweiler will make his third start Sunday when the Broncos face the Cincinnati Bengals in a matchup of 3-6 teams fighting to stay relevant.

Elway said he hasn't lost faith in Vance Joseph, who brought a single season's experience as a coordinator to Denver when he replaced Gary Kubiak a year after the Broncos' win in Super Bowl 50.

"Nope. You're know there's going to be growing pains in the head coach and especially the first-time head coach," Elway said, adding that Joe Woods on defense and Brock Olivo on special teams are both first-time coordinators.

"So, there's growing pains there. Just like with players, you've got to give them a chance to grow and get better and learn from certain situations," Elway said. "Obviously, it's been a little bit tougher situation but sometimes you learn a lot more in tougher situations than you do when things are going good.

Irving, Brown hand Celtics 15th straight win

ATLANTA (AP)—Kyrie Irving appreciates what he calls "the innocence of the game" during Boston's 15-game winning streak.

In his first season with the Celtics after demanding a trade from Cleveland, Irving is enjoying the torrid start because everything feels so new.

"Most of us have never been on a winning streak like this," he said. "I don't know if we even know how to pay attention to all the hoopla that goes on in terms of the excitement of it. I just think that every single game we take it as a challenge."

Irving scored 30 points, Jaylen Brown added a career-high 27 and the Celtics beat the Atlanta Hawks 110-99 on Saturday night.

At 15-2, Boston leads the NBA and has matched the best start in franchise history through 17 games. The winning streak is the club's fifth-longest, four behind the 2008-09 team that set the franchise mark.

Dennis Schroder had 23 points, and Kent Bazemore added 19 for Atlanta. The Hawks are an Eastern Conference-worst 3-13, but they still had plenty of adrenaline following a 46-point victory over Sacramento—the biggest in franchise history—two nights ago.

"I still feel like we can make some big things happen this season," Schroder said. "We just have to stay together as a team."

The Celtics erased a 16-point deficit to take their first lead on Brown's 3-pointer midway through the third. It marked Boston's fourth win when trailing by at least 16 during the streak.

It's been a tough week for Brown, a 21-year-old whose best friend Trevin Steede passed away this week in metro Atlanta. Brown and Streede went to Wheeler High School together in nearby Marietta. He spoke publicly about Steede a couple of days ago and skipped talking to reporters after beating the Hawks.

Atlanta Hawks' Dennis Schroder, left,dives for the ball as Boston Celtics' Al Horford picks it up to shoot in the final seconds of the second quarter of an NBA basketball game in Atlanta, Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017.

"He's not alone," Irving said. "That's the spirit in the truest form. (Brown) may not say much but he knows we're all here for him."

Irving, playing with a protective mask to protect a minor facial fracture, ended the game with a right-handed finger-roll layup, delighting a few thousand Boston fans who were chanting "MVP! MVP!" in the fourth quarter.

In 31 minutes, Irving made 10 of 12 shots, including five 3-pointers, and hit all five of his free throws.

Irving, frustrated that the mask was affecting his peripheral vision two nights ago, took it off to help Boston beat defending NBA champion Golden State by four points. He scored 16 points, but was just 4 for 16 from the field.

"I could see just a little bit more of the crowd tonight," Irving said. "The eye holes were a little bit bigger. The basket looked a little bit better. I was told to kind of keep it on, so it was a better fit."

The Celtics lead NBA in scoring defense, but they gave up 35 points in the first quarter and trailed by 15 entering the second.

"I think the biggest thing is that we can't keep digging these holes," Boston coach Brad Stevens said. "We need to put an emphasis on playing with pace and getting the ball to the other side of the floor."

Atlanta used a 16-0 run in the first to take a 15-point lead. But fueled by Marcus Smart and other reserves, Boston pulled within four twice in the second and cut the lead to six in the closing minutes on Brown's 3.

The two-time NBA MVP hit another 3 and Draymond Green blew past a defender for a dunk to make it 99-89 going into the fourth.

Warriors 124, 76ers 116

In Philadelphia, Stephen Curry scored 35 points, Kevin Durant had 27 and defending NBA champion Golden State overcame a 22-point halftime deficit to beat the 76ers.

Joel Embiid scored 21 points and Ben Simmons had 23 points and 12 assists for Philadelphia. The 76ers led 47-28 after one quarter and 74-52 at the half.

But the Warriors erased that large deficit with a furious rally in the third quarter. Curry's 3-pointer got them within one point. He then made a pair of free throws to give Golden State a 90-89 lead.

Jazz 125, Magic 85

In Orlando, Rodney Hood scored 31 points, Derrick Favors had 25 points and 11 rebounds and Utah routed Orlando to snap a three-game losing streak.

The 40-point margin matched the Magic's worst home loss in team history.

Hood was 12 for 21 from the field in his highest-scoring game of the season. The reserve guard had 19 straight points for Utah over one stretch that went from the end of the third through early in the fourth.

Aaron Gordon had 18 points and nine rebounds for Orlando.

Mavericks 111, Bucks 79

In Dallas, Wesley Matthews scored a season-high 22 points and Dallas beat Milwaukee to stop a four-game slide.

Matthews also had eight assists while helping Dallas (3-14) to its first win since Nov. 7 at Washington. He went 6 for 8 from 3-point range.

J.J. Barea had 20 points for the Mavericks, and Harrison Barnes finished with 18. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 24 points and 17 rebounds for the Bucks. They had won four in a row.

Rockets 105, Grizzlies 83

In Memphis, James Harden scored 29 points, Clint Capela had 17 points and 13 rebounds and Houston beat Memphis.

Houston guard Chris Paul added 17 points and six assists in his second game since returning from a left knee injury. Paul and Harden combined for 10-of-19 shooting from beyond the arc, and the Rockets were 18 for 43 from 3-point range overall.

Memphis dropped its fourth consecutive game. Chandler Parsons led the Grizzlies with 17 points on 7-for-9 shooting, and Marc Gasol and JaMychal Green each scored 15 points.

Hornets 102, Clippers 87

In Charlotte, Kemba Walker had 26 points, Dwight Howard added 16 points and 16 rebounds and Charlotte snapped a six-game losing streak with the victory over struggling Los Angeles.

Walker, who was coming off a 47-point performance in a loss to the Chicago Bulls on Friday night, was 8 of 17 from the field and 6 of 9 from 3-point range despite a sprained wrist.

Jeremy Lamb added 17 points for Charlotte. Lou Williams had 25 points, and Blake Griffin added 19 for the Clippers. They have lost eight straight.

Goffin rallies to oust Federer at ATP Finals

LONDON (AP)—A set up against a man he'd never lost to, Roger Federer looked to be cruising toward a shot at a seventh ATP Finals title. David Goffin had other ideas.

The Belgian rallied in the semifinals on Saturday to claim the biggest win of his career and stun the favorite 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"It is the best win of my career, for sure," said Goffin, who lost all six of his previous encounters against Federer.

"I started to feel the ball better at the end of the first set, so I wanted to be more aggressive. It paid off. I started to serve well. My forehand was going much better."

His opponent on Sunday in the final will be Grigor Dimitrov after the Bulgarian defeated Jack Sock 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

With Federer having lost just four times during a season that saw him claim his 18th and 19th Grand Slam titles at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, it looked ominous for Goffin when the six-time champion broke twice on his way to winning the first set.

However, Federer wasted two game points in the second game of the second set. Goffin produced a forehand passing shot to take his first break point of the match.

"It was a tough game to get broken at 1-0," Federer said. "I had I think multiple game chances to get out of the game and go 1-1, keep the pressure up. Things really turned around for him at that moment."

The winners flowed from Goffin's racket, unsettling Federer, who coughed up uncharacteristic errors.

Goffin needed just the one break in both the second and third sets and displayed a previously unseen grit to deny Federer his lone break point opportunities in either set.

It was testament to the remarkable season Federer has put together that his loss came as such a major surprise.

However, neither the loss to Goffin nor the fact he finishes the year second, behind Nadal in the rankings, will prevent him from being favourite for the Australian Open in January.

"It's been an amazing year for me," Federer said. "Been so happy that I was playing at this level from the beginning till basically the end, till today."

The match was typical of Goffin's inconsistent week on his full debut at the tournament, after he played one match as an alternate a year ago.

After defeating a wounded Rafael Nadal in his opening match, he was thrashed in just 74 minutes by Dimitrov, and qualified for the semis with a comfortable win over Dominic Thiem.

"Both are really special," said Goffin, after becoming only the sixth man to defeat Nadal and Federer in the same tournament. "It was the first time against Rafa. Then the semifinal for the first time for me here, and to beat Roger for the first time here in such a big event, big tournament, it was the perfect moment."

Dimitrov ensured he'll end the year at a career-high No. 3 after coming from behind to defeat Sock.

Having won his previous two matches for the loss of just four games, Dimitrov's title credentials were given a far more rigorous examination by the American.

Dimitrov is the first debutant to reach the final since David Ferrer in 2007.

More than 100 students join All Schools swim meet

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Over 100 students in elementary, middle, and high school joined 19 individual and five relays races in the 2017 Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swim Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The weekend competition started with a mixed U12's 200m medley relay and featured student-swimmers from Brilliant Star School, Grace Christian Academy, and William S. Reyes Elementary School. For the second relay, students raced in the mixed over 10's 200m medley relay and the participating schools included GCA, Marianas High School, Mt. Carmel School, and Tanapag Middle School.

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Koblerville Elementary School's Edsel Benedict Pagtalunan competes in the 50m freestyle event during last Saturday's 2017 Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swim Meet held at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The succeeding events were individual swims—over 10 and U12's 400m freestyle, 100m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 200m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 100m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 200m individual medley, and 100m freestyle. The meet then concluded with three relay races—200m freestyle relay in the mixed U12, over 10, and over 13.

Results of the individual and relay events have yet to be released at press time as the organizing SSC was still sorting them out to determine the rankings of the participating schools in each division. School rankings will be based on how students finish in the race as SSC awarded points to the Top 2 finishers from each school.

Pending the official results of the competition, GCA was favored in the high school and middle school divisions. Lennosuke Suzuki, Jasmin Frink, Jinju Thompson, and Aika Watanabe swam for the Eagles' high school crew, while their middle school team was made up of Ashley Dangol, Anthony Deleon-Camacho, Julia Jinang, Lamar Soleil, Kean Pajarillaga, Hans Xu, and Andrew Nunez.

The David Boyer-led MHS Dolphins and Christian Villacrusis-bannered MCS challenged GCA in the high school division, while the Eagles' toughest foe in the middle school was Tanapag, which had members of both SSC and Tsunami Saipan. Hopwood Junior High School also participated in the weekend meet.

In the elementary division, there was an open competition, as GCA, Brilliant Star, WSR, Koblerville Elementary School, Saipan International School, Saipan Community School, and Gregorio T. Camacho Elemetary School fielded strong competitors.

Pangelinan leads way for Boleros

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Gus Pangelinan's bat has helped the Boleros remain undefeated after six games in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League's Masters division.

Pangelinan, as of Nov. 10 and before the games were halted because of the Micronesian Baseball Classic in Guam, logged an average of .579 in batting while also figuring prominently in two other individual statistics. He is ahead by .023 over teammate J.J. Laniyo (.556) and is second to Mark Toves in the runs scored and most doubles. Toves leads both departments with 18 and five against Pangelinan's 14 and 3. James Fleming is third in the most runs scored with 12, while Taylor Germance joined Pangelinan in the doubles department with three apiece.

John Cepeda of the IPI Masters is third with .533, followed by GSM Masters teammates Walter Macaranas (.529) and Mark Flores (.522) at fourth and fifth places, respectively. Saisei's Hector Efraim is at close sixth with .522 with the Boleros' Mario Aguon at seventh at .500 and Rep. Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan) of the GSM Masters at eighth (.487). John Acosta (.458) of the IPI Masters and Boleros' David George and Glen Camacho of the Papa Bears, who have similar .444 averages complete the Top 10.

The Bears' Camacho is joined by Fleming, and Mike Guerrero with the most triples with two each. Efraim also had 13 RBIs, followed by Boleros teammates Camacho and Laniyo with 10 each, while Acosta and Jerry Ayuyu had nine apiece.

The IPI Masters' Mel Sakisat leads the pitching department with his 1.40 ERA, followed by the 1.97 of teammate Ben Duenas. The Boleros' Steve Igisaiar is ranked third (3.18), while Laniyo (4.20) and Joe Terlaje (4.32) of the GSM Masters are in the Top 5. Phil Celis of the IPI Masters (5.38), the Boleros' Dave Kapileo (8.03), and Saisei's Darwin Masaharu (8.17), Dominic Hideo (8.17), and Kuich Damian (9.02) made it to the Top 10 pitching leaders.

Sakisat also has the most strikeouts so far with 19, while Terlaje and Tony Flores are tied at second place with 13 each. Nick George is at solo third with nine, while Damian, Celis, and Donald Pangelinan are bunched up on the list with eight apiece.

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Guam's other wins were against Kosrae, 15-4, its U23 team, 3-2, and Palau, 14-1, in the elimination.

Team CNMI started the tournament with a 3-2 win over Kosrae, courtesy of a walk-off hit by Anthony Tenorio—a grounder to left field—allowing A.J. Evangelista to sprint toward home plate and score the winning run.

Kosrae committed nine errors in their match against the CNMI, while the latter had only one to pull off the close win. Team CNMI was the defending champion of the inaugural event after recording a 15-14 come-from-behind win over Guam in last year's competition on Saipan.

Brian Camacho, Angel Palacios, Jobe Reyes, Ian Norita, Peter Tomokane, Virgil Secharmidal, Franco Nakamura, Henry Lizama Jr., Ricardo Dela Cruz, Barry Sunumai, Jerald Cabrera, Manny Cabrera, Joe Palacios, Nathan Camacho, Jhace Palacios, Lorenzo Sebaklim, J.J. Lifoifoi, L.J. Sebaklim, and Ethan Babauta were the members of this year's Team CNMI.

The Commonwealth players return to Saipan today and majority of them will suit up for teams playing in Saipan Baseball League's Masters and U23 divisions, which was momentarily stopped to give way to MBC.

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dience what they wanted and the explosive duel eventually went to the judge's scorecards with Kevin Manderson giving the fight to Brown at 29-28, while Chris Aliendi saw it 29-28 for Camacho. Judge Evan Field scored it 30-27, for Camacho, giving the Marianas pride his first UFC win.

The 28-year-old pulled off the win despite almost getting the boot early in the first round when Brown, a known submission fighter, managed to take Camacho down before the former fought out of trouble and chose to destroy his opponent standing up.

It was a wise move on the part of the visiting fighter, as Brown had eight of his 17 wins by submission and only three by knockout against 11 losses. Camacho, on the other hand, won 15 of his 26 fights by KO and three by submission while losing only five—the last was his UFC debut against China's Jinliang "The Leech" Li.

In his return to UFC's octagon cage about five months after his bout against Lee, Camacho and his corner had their game plan laid out by avoiding Brown's attempts to take the fight to the ground—except for that brief period in the first round where the Brazilian Jiujitsu brown belter fortunately managed to get out of the jam.

Camacho, since the second of the scheduled five-minute three rounds, took advantage of his stand up fighting skills and pounded away. Although Brown showed that he can clearly take a hit despite receiving a number of Camacho's power shots, the Aussie was clearly outslugged by his foe.

Camacho managed to open up a cut on Brown's left eyebrow and below the left eye while the former also received a gash on his left eyebrow as they traded blows in the final stretch of the match. Camacho, who was 5 lbs under the 155-lb weight limit, landed more clean shots, especially in the final round where he pushed Brown to the corner and peppered him with a flurry to the delight of the packed crowd.

Camacho, in a post-fight interview, thanked Brown for an excellent fight. "We gave the fans what they wanted. It was an excellent fight against Brown. I would like to thank him as he took me to another level. He pushed me to the next level."

He then posted a video on his Facebook page and thanked everyone in the Marianas for their support. "Thank you to everyone that watched and supported me. All the handshakes, pats in the back, [social media] posts, the likes, hashtags, and everything leading up to the fight. I am very honored and humbled for all your love and support. This is just the beginning. Let's just continue this and continue the momentum. Keep rocking, just remember to never forget where you came from. I will just keep representing our islands," Camacho said.

He also thanked his coaches, family, friends, wife Sarah, and their son. "I can't wait to see my boy back home. I love you guys and we'll continue to fight hard baby."

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finale was still in a standoff at the conclusion of the 40-minute game and it went straight into the shootout, instead of the overtime, to decide the division winner.

Paire attempted first and Erin Frink netted one in to the left corner post, as Shirley's goalie Irish Viray was a step slower in moving sideways and trying to stop the ball. Mariana Castro was next and she also made her short, allowing Shirley's to tie the match.

The game remained in a deadlock as Paire's Anisa Villagomez failed to cash in after Viray pushed the ball out and Reyes did the same against the shot of Shirley's Kersha Deleon Guerrero. Then for the second time, Paire missed, as Patricia Coleman's shot was caught by Viray. After Coleman faltered, all eyes were focused on Arriola and she delivered, making up for the blunder she made a few years ago when Shirley's also faced Paire in a shootout for the championship.

"This was the second shootout between Paire and Shirley's for a women's league championship. I was also there during the first one a few years ago. I missed my shot then. So it felt good to make the shot this time around," said Arriola, who admitted feeling the pressure before she took the shot.

"I did feel some pressure, but before the game, I actually took some time to calm my nerves, pray, and remind myself to just play the game the best I possibly can. So when we were able to come from behind and push for a shootout, I was already thankful for just getting there. Kicking last, I just thought to myself, 'kick strong, fast, and just hope,'" she said.

The Shirley's team captain said the fall championship is very special for them as they were able to win despite having a lot of new players.

"I am extremely proud of my team this season. While people are used to hearing that Shirley's always wins, that wasn't our expectation this season for our women's B team (despite being the defending champions). With the league being futsal, the committee decided to create a national development team for the A division. That caused us to lose a lot of players. We actually recruited three players from Shirley's U15," she said.

"We owe a great thanks to those three players. The rest of our players are either new or playing up from U15. Sharmaine, who scored our lone goal to tie up the game, is one of our recruits and new to the game of soccer. Throughout the season, the girls played hard, learned a lot, and kept their heads up high when we lost or tied a game. Paire was the only team that beat us during the season and we tied in our other games. So coming into the championship, the girls were nervous about losing. We knew it was going to be a tough game and we just had to keep up with Paire's speed. It just goes to show how much perseverance, teamwork, and a positive attitude can accomplish," she added.

Arriola also acknowledged Paire for making their finals showdown exciting and keeping lots of spectators up on their feet.

"I applaud Paire for fighting strong all season and all the way to the championship. By the end of the game, both teams had already won. A shootout can always go either way; it cannot determine one team being better than the other. Soccer is a team sport and what mattered was the teams' performance throughout the game and both squads played their hardest," Arriola said.

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Kanoa Football Club's Theresa Toves, left, and defender Princess Alcantara, right, gesture to their teammates as Shirley's FC prepares for a corner kick during the first half of their title game in the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League early this month at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field.

Kanoa Football Club's Sharmaine Francisco, second left, approaches the ball.

Kanoa Football Club's Ericka Santiago, left, tries to beat Shirley's FC's Katherine Magat to the ball.

Kanoa Football Club's Khristelle Itaas, left, gets tangled with Shirley's FC's Lilian Podziewski after a corner kick from the former's teammate.

Shirley's Katrina Costales, center, is surrounded by Kanoa FC defenders.

Kanoa Football Club's Paulynn Joyce, left, and Shirley's FC's Katherine Magat lose their footing after colliding as they battle for possession.

Kanoa and Shirley's players exchange high-fives and hugs after their title match.

Kanoa players and officials huddle after securing the division championship.

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‘Crank’ earns 1st UFC win

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Frank “The Crank” Camacho achieved one of his ultimate goals, as he won in mixed martial art’s grandest stage—the Ultimate Fighting Championship.

The island warrior from the Marianas, who has come a long way since making his MMA debut more than 10 years ago, defeated hometown bet Damien “Beatdown” Brown via split decision during their lightweight bout in UFC Fight Night 121 held yesterday at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, Australia.

Both fighters gave the au-

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UFC SYDNEY PHOTO
Frank “The Crank” Camacho, left, connects with a left to the face of Australian Damien Brown during their undercard bout in UFC Fight Night 121 held yesterday at the Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney, Australia.

Shirley’s takes Division B title

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Marilou Arriola knocked in the pressure-packed kick in the penalty shootout to lift Shirley’s Football Club to a 2-1 victory against Paire FC in their Division B title game in the 2017 Dove Women’s Fall League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Arriola, the oldest player on the team and the only holdover from the champion squad in the spring season, unloaded a shot that went over the head of Paire goalie Cathlyn Reyes, who attempted to block the ball with her hands. However, Arriola’s kick was so strong that Reyes partially had a hand on the ball, but could not push it back and instead the leather hit the top crossbar before going down and rolling into the goal. Pandemonium broke after Arriola’s dagger, as Shirley’s completed the come-from-behind win and secured the division championship.

Shirley’s trailed in the first half after Miles River scored for Paire in the 17th minute. The eventual champion then tied the title match in the 30th minute, thanks to Sharmaine Olivos’ goal. The

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Paire Football Club’s Erin Frink, left, and Shirley’s Football Club’s Marilou Arriola fight for possession during the second half of their Division B title game in the 2017 Dove Women’s Fall League last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

NMI finishes 3rd in MBC

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The CNMI bets failed to defend their Micronesian Baseball Classic title and settled for third place at the conclusion of the weeklong competition won by host Guam yesterday at the Paseo Stadium in Agana.

Team CNMI ended its campaign with a 6-4 loss to the hosts in their semifinal match with the winner advancing to the championship match against Palau. Palau took the first finals berth after a 6-5 decision, while the CNMI earned the right to face Guam in the semis following a 6-5 victory over Kosrae in the page system format.

Guam, buoyed by the hometown crowd in the finals, went on a late scoring rampage for an 11-1 thrashing of Palau to win the second edition of the regional tournament.

Team CNMI, after a narrow 3-2 win over Kosrae, lost to Guam’s Under 23 squad in a no-bearing match then suffered a 3-2 setback to Palau in the single elimination round.

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CNMI Team players and officials pose for a photo at the departure area of the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport last week before they head to Guam for the Micronesian Baseball Classic.